

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS

of the Town of

DIGHTON

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DIGHTON, MASS.



Year Ending December 31, 1968

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 626, ACTS, 1958

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least twenty-four hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen, Welfare, and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

The School Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the School Committee room.

The Planning Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

Telephone Numbers:

Fire Department: To report a fire—

So. Dighton Station669-3131

No. Dighton Station823-3700

Personal calls —

So. Dighton Station669-3291

No. Dighton Station822-0329

Police Department: 824-4411

Selectmen's Office: 669-2731

Welfare Department: 669-2131

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector and Assessors: 669-5411

Public Library: 669-2511

School Nurse: 824-4491

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In Memoriam
Robert F. Kennedy

November 20, 1925

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June 5, 1968

“Some men see things that are and ask why.
I dream things that never were and ask why not.”

“If we fail to dare, if we do not try, the next
generation will harvest the fruit of our apathy—a
world we did not want—a world we did not choose—
but a world we could have made better, by caring
more for the result of our labors.”

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Term Expires
Francis J. Torres, Chairman	No. Dighton	824-7628	1971
Edward Linhares	No. Dighton	669-5585	1970
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1969
Board of Public Welfare			
Edward Linhares, Chairman	No. Dighton	669-5585	1970
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	824-7628	1971
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1969
Board of Health			
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1969
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	824-7628	1971
Edward Linhares	No. Dighton	669-5585	1970
Town Clerk			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1971
Town Collector			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1971
Town Treasurer			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1971
Moderator			
Ralph Deane	No. Dighton	823-1234	1969
Assessors			
Harold Mendoza, Chairman	No. Dighton	824-6177	1970
Howell S. Carr	Dighton	669-5943	1969
Leo T. Pivirotto	No. Dighton	824-4998	1971

Tree Warden

Alfred M. Perry	Dighton	669-5461	1969
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School Committee

Charles E. McKenna, Chairman	Dighton	669-5738	1969
Spencer D. Oehrle, Fin. Sec.	Segreganset	669-5990	1970
Wilfred Rhines, Sec.	Dighton	669-2461	1971
Richard Simmons	No. Dighton	822-6791	1970
Wallace Wood	No. Dighton	669-5515	1971
Kenneth Cummings	No. Dighton	669-5631	1971
Louise Staples	No. Dighton	669-5549	1969

(Appointed 4/17/68)

Planning Board

C. Douglass Garnett, Chairman	No. Dighton	669-5773	1972
Richard E. Babbitt, V. Ch.	No. Dighton	669-5673	1969
George A. Perry, Clerk	No. Dighton	669-5600	1973
Milton Horton	No. Dighton	824-6260	1971
Richard Engler	No. Dighton	822-9064	1970

Trustees of Public Library

Lois L. Staples	Segreganset	669-2561	1970
Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	669-5955	1971
Robert M. McGuirk	No. Dighton	822-6294	1969

Playground Commissioners

Manuel L. Sanson, Chairman	Dighton	669-5981	1971
Humbert Costa	No. Dighton	822-7264	1970
Sylvester Vilela	Dighton	669-2661	1969

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District

Paul R. Martin	No. Dighton	823-1203	1970
David L. Phillips	No. Dighton	822-4458	1971

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Finance Committee

Richard Parchesco, Chairman
 George P. Silvia, Vice Chairman
 Richard Munsell, Clerk
 Russell C. Varley
 Thomas Sherman
 Edward McGillivray
 Harry Collier

Commemorative Committee

Edward M. Ferreira
 Harold Gracia
 Wilbur S. Menges

Board of Registrars

Frank R. Rogers, Clerk	Segreganset	669-5538	
Anna C. Simmons	No. Dighton	824-6465	1969
Elliott Hathaway	No. Dighton	669-5642	1970
Gene Perry, Jr.	Dighton	669-5652	1971

Board of Appeals

Frohman Anderson, Chairman	Dighton	669-5444	1969
William Duarte	No. Dighton	669-5917	1971
Joseph Lawrence	Dighton	669-3031	1969

Associate Members

Francis O'Connor	No. Dighton	823-3988	1971
William Maguire, Sr.	No. Dighton	669-5919	1970

Industrial Commission

Russell L. McDermott, Ch.	No. Dighton		1970
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset		1969
Louis Mendoza	Dighton		1973
Jean Pelletier	Segreganset		1972
Edward Olney	No. Dighton		1971
Joseph A. Coelho	No. Dighton		1970

Heritage Committee

Helen H. Lane, Town Historian, Chairman
 Helen Brown, Secretary
 Elaine Varley
 Charles Harris

Cemetery Commission

Earl Hathaway
Roy Horton
Elaine Varley

School Planning & Building Committee

J. Gerald Fleming
Richard E. Schultz
Joseph Lawrence
Mrs. Randall W. Hopkins
Mrs. R. Warren Perry
Joseph A. Rivard (Resigned)
Wilfred A. Rhines

**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational School District
Committee**

Paul R. Martin

**Committee to Study & Investigate Feasibility of the Town
Accepting the Liabilities & Functions of the Various Dis-
tricts within the Town**

Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Plan-
ning Board and all elected District Officers.

Building Code Committee

Richard Simmons, Joseph Lawrence, Philip Lagace

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 1968 - 1969

Fence Viewers: Howell S. Carr, Harold Mendoza, Leo T. Pivirotto

Civil Defense Director: Henry Descoteaux

Agents to the Board of Health: Frank R. Rogers, Charles H. Mason, Leo A. Duffy

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway

Inspector of Animals: John A. Berger

Inspector of Slaughtering: John A. Berger

Registrars of Voters: Gene Perry, Jr., Anna Simmons

Auctioneer: Frank R. Rogers

Constable—Somerset Water Dept.: John Charles Nordeste, III

Town Office Clerks: Elizabeth A. Rose, Leah B. Crosby

Veterans' Agent: Ralph Deane, Jr.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom

Superintendent of Streets: Alfred M. Perry

Local Supt.—Insect Pest Control: George W. Rose

Dighton-Berkley Bridgetender: Edward McCrohan

Town Forest Committee: Henry Burt, Harold O. Woodward, Wilfred A. Hathaway, William Andrews, William Harrison, Charles Leonard, Randall Hopkins

Dog Officer: Charles H. Mason

Special Police Officer—B.C.A.S.: Rene Ouellette

Special Police Officer—N.D. Coop. Bank: Frederick W. Peacock

Special Police Officers—Dighton Ind.: George R. Nickerson,
David Perry

Public Weighers—ICI Organics, Inc.: Arthur Gove, Dalton
Maynard

Public Weighers—Dighton Industries: Francis Miguel, Antone
Correia

Gas Appliance Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Constables: Frank R. Rogers, Charles H. Mason

Conservation Commission: Randall Hopkins, Henry Burt,
William Sandager, Gene Perry, Jr., Manuel Duarte, Jr.

Board of Appeals: William Duarte

Associate Member: Francis O'Connor

Industrial Commission: Louis Mendoza

Electrical Inspector: Robert David Bleau

Cemetery Commission: Roy Horton, Earl Hathaway, Elaine
Varley

Chief of Police: Charles H. Mason

Reserve Police Officers: Anthony Andrews, John Cambra,
Manuel Botelho, John Perry, Joseph Perry, Richard
Babbitt, John Rasmussen, Manuel Sanson, Frank Alves,
Charles Mason, Jr., William Ashcroft, William Raposa.

Special Police Officers: Charles Brooks, Joseph Coelho, Arthur
Compos, Cassius Cummings, William Duarte, Edward
Ferreira, Tobias Freitas, Charles Gracia, George Gracia,
Walter Hamilton, Byron Haskins, Donald Rose, George
Perry, George Rubadou, Benjamin Sherman, Francis Rose,
Frank Virdinlia, Donald L. St. Pierre, Joseph Cordeiro,
Edward Keefe, Louis White, John Ingham, William A.
Rasmussen, Jr., Edward A. Pierce, Jr., Kenneth W. Cum-

mings, William Virdinlia, Michael G. Perry, Norman E. Courcy.

Sergeants: Karl K. Spratt, Jr., Antone Katon

Patrolman: Manuel Sanson, Jr.

Policewoman: Gennetta Mason

Chief of Fire Department: Harry Willis

Deputy Chiefs: Benjamin Sherman, Joseph White

Firemen: William Ashcroft, Herbert Atwood, Manuel Botelho, Jon Bettencourt, Alan Brightman, Everett Carr, Sr., Frank Cash, Joseph Coelho, Timothy Costa, Cassius Cummings, Kenneth Cummings, Michael Cusick, David Dupont, Edward Ferreira, Joseph Fleck, Gerald Fleming, William Fleming, Sr., William Fleming, Jr., Ronald Furta-
do, Charles Gilbert, Sr., Harold Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Maynard Horton, Sr., Maynard Horton, Jr., William D. Jack, Antone Katon, John Katon, George Lavigne, Arthur Martin, Charles Mason, Jr., Lester McNulty, William O'Connell, Richard Parchesco, Manuel Pavao, Roger Perry, Warren Perry, Walter Plonka, Albert Reed, Richard Rivet, Francis Rose, Clinton Rose, Charles Sears, Jr., Robert Sherman, Thomas Sherman, Alvin Silvia, Edward Silvia, George Simmons, Percy Simmons, Karl Spratt, Jr., Arnold Staples, Ellis Strange, Richard Sylvia, Joseph Waller, Jr., Everett Carr, Jr., Gilbert Rose, Jr., Joseph Perry, Jr., Guy M. Fleck, Hannibal Perry.

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held and once again the chairmanships were divided with Mr. Torres chosen as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Linhares, Board of Welfare; and Mr. Christenson, Board of Health. Mrs. Leah Crosby was appointed as Clerk to each Board.

Fifty weekly and thirty special meetings were held with five absentees on sick leave or vacation. Several joint meetings were held with other Town Boards and Committees to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses as required. All transactions have been properly recorded and the many statutory requirements completed to the best of our knowledge and ability.

All Board members have participated in and attended all County Association meetings. Some members attended various governmental conferences on the Regional and State level where and when convenient, in an effort to obtain benefit of experience to better serve the Town. Hearings were attended on the several Chapter 90 and Public Works project in behalf of the Town's interest.

All appointments of Town Officials and Committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the list of jurors and are contained in the Clerks annual report. Annual Reports of the numerous Town Officers and Departments as required by law are contained in the 1968 Town Officers Report.

All special committee activity and reports are included in the record of the Town Clerk. All votes and orders of the Town Meeting have been accomplished.

The Chestnut Street project needs only a covering of crushed gravel and the seal coat of oil and will be complete. The second phase of Williams Street was started this year.

and will be completed early in the Spring of 1969. The layout for the third phase of Williams Street will be started this coming year as we continue the program of improving Town Streets.

The firm of Faye, Spofford and Thorndike was hired to up-date the sewerage study and prepare a detailed plan for a sewerage system to conform with the mandate served on the Town by the State. A preliminary report has been made to the Board and as soon as this has been finalized we will be venturing into one of the most expensive programs ever undertaken by the town.

“Where will it all end?” This is the cry of mayors and selectmen just about everywhere throughout the state as the cost of local and state government continue their astronomical climb.

We can predict that the local taxpayer will be faced with a large increase in their tax bills brought about by a drastic cut in the local aid fund and the increase in school and governmental budgets. This Board will continue to try to improve our Fire, Police and Highway Departments but all future expenditures will have to be scrutinized and weighed carefully as to their effect on the already over-burdened taxpayer. Progress must continue and service must be improved for no community can afford to become stagnant.

Also facing the town, are problems in water and air pollution, solid-waste disposal, school needs, town office building, building codes and zoning by-laws. These must be dealt with in the near future.

We express our appreciation and gratitude to the Citizens, Town Officials and Employees for their cooperation in the performance of duty—especially to all Town employees, we recognize your everlasting loyalty and many services to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. TORRES, Chairman
EDWARD LINHARES
RUDOLPH CHRISTENSON
Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

On March 11, 1968 following the Annual Town Meeting, the Town Moderator appointed the following men to serve on the Finance Committee: George P. Silvia, Russell C. Varley, Thomas C. Sherman, Harry Collier, Edward W. McGillivray, Richard V. Munsell and Richard A. Parchesco.

On March 20, 1968 the Finance Committee was organized by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Francis J. Torres. After being sworn in by the Town Clerk, the members nominated and voted to have the following serve for one year: Chairman, Richard A. Parchesco; Vice Chairman, George P. Silvia; Secretary, Richard V. Munsell.

The Committee held several meetings and voted on each appropriation and transfer of monies.

Prior to the 1969 Annual Town Meeting, the Committee met with the Heads of all the Town Departments to review and discuss the budgets submitted by them.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank the Town Officials and Department Heads for their courtesy and cooperation.

As in the past, the Townspeople are welcome to attend meetings of the Finance Committee in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. PARCHESCO, Chairman
GEORGE P. SILVIA, Vice Chairman
RICHARD V. MUNSELL, Secretary
RUSSELL C. VARLEY
THOMAS C. SHERMAN
HARRY COLLIER
EDWARD W. MCGILLIVRAY

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of Officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 4, 1968 at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by Frank R. Rogers, Town Clerk. The balloting was under the supervision of the following election officers, duly sworn in by Frank R. Rogers, Town Clerk: Anna Simmons, Warden; Selma Wall, Edna Seekell, Hazel Reed, Mary Perry, Helen Atwood, Ruth Leeming, George West, Gennetta Mason, George Rose, Charlotte Ashworth, Helen McCarthy, Alice Souza and Bernice Darling.

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 1099; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for Three Years—Francis J. Torres

Board of Public Welfare for Three Years— Francis J. Torres

Moderator for One Year—Ralph M. Deane, Jr.

Town Clerk for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Town Collector for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Town Treasurer for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Assessor for Three Years—Leo T. Pivirotto

Tree Warden for One Year—Alfred M. Perry

School Committee for Three Years—Kenneth Cummings,
Wallace Wood, Wilfred Rhines

Dighton-Rehoboth Reg. Dist. School Committee for Three
Years—David L. Phillips

Trustees of Public Library for Three Years—Joseph C.
Hathaway

Planning Board for Five Years—George A. Perry

Playground Commission for Three Years—Manuel Sanson

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. A recess was called until everyone was checked. Checkers were Anna C. Simmons, Hazel Reed and Helen Brown.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the articles and references to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to consider adjournment at 11:30 P.M.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Thomas Sherman that the reports of the Town Officers as printed and published in the 1967 Annual Town Report be accepted.

(3) VOTED: On motion of George Silvia that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Arthur Staples that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$49,900.00 and the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of \$53,500.00 and the Town Clerk be bonded in the amount of \$1,500.00 to satisfy the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 41 and Section 13, Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(5) VOTED: On motion of Paul Martin that the Town raise and appropriate \$44,139.46 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the capital expenses due in 1968 for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Paul Martin that the Town raise and appropriate \$224,931.10 for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Town's share of the operating expenses in 1968 for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(7) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate; and raise and appropriate and transfer under the Public Library Account and the Public Assistance Account, the following sums necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee.

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
1. Elem'tary School Bonds	\$20,000.00	Charles McKenna
2. Interest on Elem. School Bonds	1,760.00	Charles McKenna
3. Int. on Revenue Loan	1,400.00	Frank Rogers
5. Public Library Raise & Approp.	4,415.75	
Transfer from State Aid	942.25	
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Total Appropriated	5,358.00	Francis Torres
6. Board of Health	6,050.00	Rudolph Christenson
7. Ambulance Maint.	900.00	Rudolph Christenson
8. Care of Town Dumps	2,784.00	Rudolph Christenson
9. Fire Department	13,985.56	Harry Willis
10. Police Department	29,914.00	Charles Mason
11. Civilian Defense	1,485.00	Henry Descoteaux
12. Hydrant Rentals	2,430.00	Harry Willis
13. Town Insurance	11,343.10	Francis Torres
14. Contributory Group Ins.	5,500.00	Francis Torres
15.-19. Public Assistance Raise & Approp.	22,000.00	
Transf. from Free Cash	30,000.00	
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Total Appropriated	52,000.00	Edward Linhares
20. Public Assistance Admin.	5,000.00	Edward Linhares
21. Brush Control	600.00	Rudolph Christenson
22. Cemeteries (Public Prop.)	550.00	Rudolph Christenson
23. Chap. 81—Highways	7,650.00	Rudolph Christenson
24. Chapter 90 Maint.	1,700.00	Francis Torres
25. Care of Town Elms	2,000.00	Francis Torres
26. Insect Pest Control	542.01	Francis Torres
27. Shade Tree Account	500.00	Edward Linhares
28. Sidewalk Maint.	1,000.00	Edward Linhares
29. Street Department	40,500.00	Edward Linhares
30. Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,000.00	Edward Linhares
31. Assessors Dept.	5,500.00	Harold Mendoza
32. Election & Registration	3,825.00	Frank Rogers
33. Finance Committee	15.00	Richard Parchesco
34. Selectmen's Dept.	4,550.00	Francis Torres

35. Tax Title Account	1,300.00	Frank Rogers
36. Tax Possession Acct.	100.00	Frank Rogers
37. Town Accountant	4,760.00	Rudolph Christenson
38. Town Clerk	2,600.00	Frank Rogers
39. Town Collector	4,160.00	Frank Rogers
40. Town Conservation Comm.	200.00	Edward Linhares
41. Town Office Account	10,856.00	Edward Linhares
42. Town Treasurer	2,970.00	Frank Rogers
43. Town Planning Board	616.52	Richard Babbitt
44. Civic Center Maint.	400.00	Francis Torres
45. County Retirement Fund	10,122.92	Francis Torres
46. Dog Officer	700.00	Charles Mason
47. Memorial Day Observance	200.00	Rudolph Christenson
48. Playground & Recreation	2,660.00	Francis Torres
49. Veterans' Benefits	20,000.00	Rudolph Christenson
50. Industrial Commission	100.00	Edward Linhares
51. Board of Appeals	50.00	Edward Linhares
52. Legal Fees—Town Counsel	4,000.00	Rudolph Christenson
53. Electrical Inspector	1,000.00	Rudolph Christenson

(8) VOTED: On motion of Richard Simmons that the Town raise and appropriate \$376,541.00 for the purpose of defraying costs of the School Department's operating expenses for 1968.

(9) VOTED: On motion of Arthur Staples that the salaries of the elected Town Officers as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the year January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968 as follows:

Board of Assessors—

Chairman	\$1,200.00
Others	1,100.00
Clerk	500.00

Board of Health—

Chairman	550.00
Clerk	500.00
Other	450.00

Board of Public Welfare—

Chairman	400.00
Others	300.00

Moderator	50.00
School Committee Secretary	50.00
Town Clerk	1,600.00
Town Collector	2,600.00
Town Treasurer	1,500.00
Tree Warden	35.00

(10) Report of the Planning Board given by Milton Horton as follows:

"The Dighton Planning Board is presenting to the citizens of Dighton at the Annual Town Meeting a Zoning By-Law. We have tried to make it as complete as possible, but we realize that in the years to come there will have to be amendments and changes made. We also, realize that the Land Use Map will need to be changed. This change will come about when the Federal money becomes available to do the maps in the Master Plan. On March 1st, the Massachusetts Department of Commerce thought that the funds would be available in the fiscal year of 1969.

We have counseled with many of the citizens of the Town and have tried to be fair and still prepare a By-Law for the good of all of the people. This town is wide open to anyone, anywhere to come into town and build or erect anything they desire with no regard to their fellow neighbors.

From 1960 to 1965 the population of Dighton increased by 10%. From 1965 to 1970 the projected growth will be approximately 15%. With Somerset's land practically used up and Seekonk's land going at a fast pace people will be looking to Dighton for land to build and settle upon. Most of the neighboring towns have adopted Zoning By-Laws ten years ago or better.

The Planning Board has approved subdivision of land on which if houses are built this year alone, there will be an increase of 125 homes. We know of several developers who are interested in coming to Dighton to develop more land for homes.

In conclusion, we have heard many requests from individuals asking the Planning Board to help to protect their rights and to protect the value of their property. This By-Law

is drawn up for this purpose. It is now up to the citizens of our Town here tonight to adopt, amend or reject the proposed Zoning By-Law for the Town of Dighton.

C. Douglass Garnett, Chairman

Milton Horton, Vice Chairman

Richard Babbitt

George Perry

Richard Engler

Planning Board of Dighton"

VOTED: On motion of Francis ToTrres that the report of the Town Planning Board be accepted and duly recorded to conform with the requirements of the statute.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to recess Annual Town Meeting for the Special Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting called back to order at 9:20 P.M.

(11) NOT PASSED: Motion by C. Douglass Garnett to approve and adopt the Zoning By-Law as attached for the Town of Dighton.

(12) Report of the School Planning & Building Committee given by Gerald Fleming as follows:

"Since our appointment two months ago, two meetings have been held. One to organize the committee and one to tour the building for existing facilities. A meeting is to be held with the School Assistance Commission in the near future. No steps to be taken until they find out what the Commission has in mind.

J. Gerald Fleming, Chairman

School Planning & Building Committee"

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the report of the School Planning and Building Committee be accepted as a progress report and the Committee be instructed to continue to function as outlined.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate \$7,500.00 for the purpose of updating and

expanding an engineering study of the town's sewage needs as required by the State and to meet said appropriation \$7,500.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

(14) Motion made by Walter Miller that the Town accept Chapter 41, Section 97A, General Laws of Massachusetts. Declared illegal by Town Counsel. No Action Taken.

(15) VOTED: On motion of John Ingham that the Town appropriate and transfer \$600.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the purpose of helping to defray operating expenses of the Raposa-Knott Post 2094, Veterans of Foreign Wars as provided in Section 9, Chapter 40, General Laws.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$4,442.17 from the proceeds received or to be received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 616, Acts of 1967 to the Chestnut Street Improvement Project.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate and transfer \$6,000.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Construction and that in addition, to borrow a sum of money to meet the State and County's share in the cost of this work in accord with Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town appropriate \$7,300.00 for the purpose of purchasing a 1968 Dump Truck with equipment and attachments and to meet said appropriation \$7,300.00 be transferred from Overlay Surplus.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Frank Rogers that the Town appropriate \$1,200.00 for the purpose of purchasing a copy machine and to meet said appropriation \$1,200.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

Motion by Edward Dowling to reconsider vote under Article 11.

Motion defeated.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee to study and make recommendations relative to the needs of the Town for building standards and building inspections and report at the next annual town meeting.

(21) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to contract with the Taunton Visiting Nurse Association for nursing services and to do away with the position of Town Nurse.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town appropriate \$5,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land (approx. 8 acres) adjacent to the present dump site in North Dighton for the purpose of expanding the dumping facilities and to meet said appropriation \$5,000.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

(23) NOT PASSED: Motion by Richard Simmons that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,800.00 as a salary for the School Committee Members, each member to receive \$400.00 per year.

(24) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,520.00 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the operating expenses in 1968 of the Bristol- Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School.

(25) VOTED: On motion of Percy Simmons that the Town allow the Dighton Lions Club, Inc. to have constructed on Town property that abuts Somerset Avenue, a combination ice skating rink, tennis court and basketball court of approximately 10,000 square feet.

(26) VOTED: On motion of Manuel Sanson that the Town vote to have the Dighton Playground Commission apply for any Federal Grant that may be available to improve the recreational facilities of the Town, and to negotiate with such Federal Agencies as may have such funds available.

(27) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate and transfer \$2,000.00 from Surplus Reve-

nue (Free Cash) to be placed in the Conservation Fund to construct a boat ramp and to improve the Town's waterfront property on Pleasant Street.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town vote to place the \$14,000.00 appropriated for the construction of an addition to the Highway Garage into the Stabilization Fund as created under Article 20 of the 1966 Annual Town Meeting.

(29) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town vote to amend the existing Parking By-Law to include both sides of Warner Boulevard to the Taunton Line.

(30) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town vote to have the Moderator appoint a Committee to study the need and method for commemorating the Veterans of World War II.

(31) Report of the Committee to study and investigate the feasibility of the town accepting the liabilities and functions of the various districts within the Town given by Francis Torres as follows:

"The committee met twice during the year and as a result the following figures were projected.

If all districts were eliminated and the Town assumed all responsibilities the new Tax Rate would be approximately \$97.00 per thousand. This would result in the following:

In the Dighton Water District—tax would drop approximately \$5.00.

In the North Dighton Fire & Light District—tax would increase approximately \$3.00.

That part of the Town not serviced by any district, the tax would increase approximately \$10.00.

It was the vote of the committee to wait another year before making any recommendations to see what effect the new water expansion and sewer proposal might have on these figures.

"Francis J. Torres"

VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the report of the Committee appointed to study and investigate the feasibility of a petition to the legislature for measures whereby the Town may consider the acceptance of the liabilities and functions of the various districts be accepted as a progress report and the Committee be instructed to function as outlined.

(32) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town appropriate and transfer the Dog Tax Refund in the amount of \$738.43 to the Public Library Account.

(33) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate and transfer \$5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Account for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Highway Vehicles and equipment for 1968 and to meet said appropriation the following transfer be made:

Transfer from Road Machinery	
Fund	\$1,883.10
Transfer from Surplus Revenue	
(Free Cash)	3,116.90
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	\$5,000.00

(34) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the amount of \$17,425.00 to the Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and 90 Highway Work.

(35) VOTED: On motion of Thomas Sherman that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus) to the Reserve Account Appropriated in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the General Laws.

(36) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages of land taken in conjunction with the 1968 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and 90 and the Town Road Program.

(37) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town raise and appropriate \$250.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year, the Mosquito Control Works as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(38) VOTED: On motion of George Silvia that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction or private sale all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(39) VOTED: On motion of Arthur Staples that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1968 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(40) VOTED: On motion of Thomas Sherman that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at public auction.

Motion by Wilfred Rhines that the Town of Dighton accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Sec. 97A as it applies to the Dighton Police Department and pursuant to the provisions of that chapter and the section therefore that say Section 97 shall not apply on acceptance of this section. Motion not allowed.

The Moderator appointed the following members to the Finance Committee for the year 1968-1969: George Silvia, Russell Varley, Thomas Sherman, Harry Collier, Edward McGillivray, Richard Munsell and Richard Parchesco.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 9:15 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Paul Martin that the Town approve the \$350,000.00 debt authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Bristol-Plymouth Vocational Technical School District on February 17, 1968 for acquiring land and preparing plans for a district school and, to the extent of any unused balance, for constructing and equipping the school.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

On April 30, 1968, the regular Presidential Primary was held at Town Hall. The polls were opened at 2 P.M. and closed at 8 P.M. Thirty-six Republican votes and Fifty-eight Democratic votes were cast for a total of 94 votes.

On September 17, 1968 the State Primary was held at Town Hall. The polls opened at 12 Noon and closed at 8 P.M. One Hundred Twelve Republican votes and Ninety-Four Democratic votes were cast for a total of 206 votes.

On December 2, 1968 a Special Town Meeting was held at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. A recess was called until all voters were checked. Checkers were Anna Simmons, Elaine Varley and Irene Goulart.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

(1) Report of the Regional School Committee given by David Phillips.

NOT PASSED: Motion by Paul Martin that the Town vote to accept the amendment to the Dighton-Rehoboth School District Agreement initiated by the regional district school committee on Sept. 10, 1968. Ballot Vote Yes—50, No—137.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town vote to transfer from the 1968 Public Assistance Appropriation, the sum of \$11,000.00 to supplement the Veterans' Benefits account, and from this \$11,000, a sum of \$6,759.96 be used to pay prior years bills.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town vote to layout, accept and establish the completeed sections of Susan Road, Rebecca Road, and Karen Road as public highways and named Susan Road, Rebecca Road and Karen Road, a description of which is contained in a layout dated January 6, 1966 on a plan and profile by E. Otis Dyer, Surveyor, together with a Quit Claim Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town vote to layout, accept, and establish Cedar Wood Circle as a public highway and named Cedar Wood Circle, a description of which is contained in a layout dated Jan. 22, on a street layout and profile by E. Otis Dyer, Surveyor, together with a Quit Claim Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

(5) Motion made by Edward Linhares that the Town vote to layout, accept and establish the completed sections of Sue Terrace as a public highway and named Sue Terrace, a description of which is contained in a layout dated Jan. 1966 on a plan and profile by McNamara & Campbell, 1 Church Green, Taunton, together with a Quit Claim Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

Following comments from Malcolm Borden, only resident on this road, a motion was made by Joseph White to postpone motion until the Annual Town Meeting. Later, Mr. White withdrew his motion. A motion was then made by Francis Torres to amend the motion to read Gray Terrace. So Voted.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: The the Town vote to layout, accept and establish the completed sections of Gray Terrace

as a public highway and named Gray Terrace, a description of which is contained in a layout dated January, 1966 on a plan and profile by McNamara & Campbell, 1 Church Green, Taunton, together with a Quit Claim Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Attest:

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1968

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
7	Tracy Kathleen Dutra	David G. & Jane Andrews Dutra
8	Michele Marie Hebert	Vincent F. & Elizabeth J. Torres Hebert
18	Kevin Francis Koss	Stanley J. & Nancy E. O'Connell Koss
FEBRUARY		
2	James Richard Stanley	Robert W. & Lois I. Handren Stanley
2	Alison Rebecca Simonds	Russell E. & Madelyn A. Simmons Simonds
14	Lynn Ann Carvalho	Dennis A. & Joyce Ann Furtado Carvalho
17	Denise Marie Rogers	William J. & Lillian M. Costa Rogers
MARCH		
1	Kathleen Marie Achtelik	Paul R. & Lois M. Guest Achtelik
9	Kimberly Ann Mello	Joseph M. & Janet M. Bilodeau Mello
17	Joseph Leo Powell	Joseph L. & Lois E. Pine Powell
18	Jodi Anne Civilinski	James & Faith A. Turco Civilinski
19	Margaret Elizabeth Russell	Robert J. & Carol L. Grifenhagen Russell
26	Steven John Masciarelli	John & Norma A. Adler Masciarelli
27	Ronald Joseph Souza	Ronald J. & Evelyn Mae Curt Souza
30	Jill Elizabeth Mallette	George & Edna Wordell Mallette
31	Rebecca Jeanne Coulsey	Robert E. & Judith E. Hawk Coulsey
APRIL		
15	Mark Andrew Costa	Raymond J. & Roseanne E. Lavigne Costa
17	Sherry Ann Leonard	R. Douglas & Katherine Crivaro Leonard
27	Kelly Marie Reed	Kenneth A. & Henrietta J. Santos Reed
MAY		
21	Neal Patrick Rodier	Richard E. & Lorraine M. Dumoulin Rodier
JUNE		
3	Thomas Robert Tracy	Thomas R. & Roseanna A. Nasise Tracy
4	Jamie John Cestodio	Charles C. & Irene Carpenter Cestodio
6	Donna Joan Hess	Donald J. & Roberta L. McCue Hess
9	Mary Carpenter	Edward & Evelyn Mello Carpenter
10	Nancy Ann Babbitt	Wallace L. & Beatrice Carlos Babbitt
14	Karen Spratt	Karl K. & Elizabeth A. Wotton Spratt
15	William Brian McDonald	Charles & Cheryl A. Benoit McDonald
JULY		
4	Michele Lee Moniz	Michael F. & Angelina C. Rapoza Moniz
6	Wayne Paul Bilodeau	Paul & Irene M. Simmons Bilodeau

JULY (continued)

19 Peter John Donahue
26 James Gonsalves

Austin & Virginia L. Trott Donahue
John & Jeanne C. Perry Gonsalves

AUGUST

7 Robert Neal Lee

9 Dawn Marie Cantin
15 Donald Francis White
15 John Richard Donahue

17 Pamela Jean Quintal

27 Joseph Wiley Dernoga

Robert N. & Elizabeth A. O'Connell
Lee
Raymond L. & Elaine Trottier Cantin
Leon W. & Jane A. Haggerty White
Richard J. & Elizabeth A. Terry
Donahue
Joseph & Helen L. Midwood Quintal,
Jr.
Frank & Rosemary Wiley Dernoga

SEPTEMBER

6 Christopher Walter Ready
20 Barbara Ann Korlacki

21 Adam Scott Lombard
28 Melissa Ann Rose
29 Neal Noel Noccliffe

James J. & Joan B. Orleanski Ready
Francis J. & Barbara A. Rhodes
Korlacki
Steven & Deborah Heywood Lombard
Gilbert A. & Pamela J. Grassie Rose
James M. & Mary E. Walker Norcliffe

OCTOBER

4 Dennis Alan Botelho
5 Andrew King Schultz
7 Jason Carver Mann
7 Lisa Jane Taber

9 Melissa Ann Wood
29 Dale Allen Frost

Louis & Betty Ann Frizado Botelho
Richard E. & Wilma R. Baker Schultz
Carver H. & Linda Lee Darling Mann
Theodore C. & Kathryn L. Blackburn
Taber
Wallace A. & Gail E. Eaton Wood
Avery W. & Mariaelena Lopez Frost

NOVEMBER

13 Leanne Marie Dutra
15 Jack Anthony Medeiros
15 Dennis Aaron Souza
18 Jason Ryan Rebello
19 Lisa Marie Soares
21 Natalie Marie Monteiro
22 Kevin Michael Leach
26 Edward Joseph McCarthy

30 Corinne Marie Fournier

David & Jane Andrews Dutra
Joaquim & Mary E. Machado Medeiros
Julius & Linda A. Card Souza
George & Ann M. McKenna Rebello
David M. & Mary L. Rogers Soares
Raymond & Mary Sousa Monteiro
Ralph & Pamela L. Smith Leach
Edward F. & Diana C. Welch
McCarthy
Normand R. & Alberta H. Campbell
Fournier

DECEMBER

3 David Scott Richmond

4 Lisa Mary Mello
8 Edward Thomas Bettencourt

12 Michael David Perry
15 Sherri Noelle Barboza
17 Troy Joseph Gagne

20 Robert James Jordan
23 Tracy Annne Berube
27 Gregory Allan Logan

Dennis B. & Donna M. Souza
Richmond
Jose C. & Maria S. Ferreira Mello
Edward & Catherine L. Walsh
Bettencourt
David A. & Janet M. Rubadou Perry
Robert R. & Carolyn Brown Barboza
Reginald G. & Carol A. McCrohan
Gagne
Robert J. & Jeannie E. Durgin Jordan
Thomas B. & Carol V. Cash Berube
Gary A. & Edith M. Adams Logan

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1968

JANUARY

- 13 Robert F. Menard of Taunton and Sherrill Lee Simmons of Attleboro.
- 20 Thomas E. Allen of Prov., R.I. and Sandra L. Parker of Taunton.
- 27 Edward F. McCarthy, Jr. of Dighton and Diana C. Welch of Dighton.
- 27 Eugene P. Costa of Seekonk and Judith A. (Ferreira) Perry of Dighton.
- 27 Paul F. Segermark of Boston and Judith L. Candelet of Boston.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Elmer J. Machado of Taunton and Judith A. Dupont of Dighton.
- 7 Steven L. Lombard of Taunton and Deborah Heywood of Dighton.
- 17 William B. Boardman of Dighton and Pauline Belliveau of Acushnet.

MARCH

- 1 William D. Heard of Dighton and Ellen Marie Yanuss of Whitman.

APRIL

- 17 John Burrell of Swansea and Kathleen Jones of Dighton.
- 20 William R. Scanlon of Taunton and Deborah L. Harwood of Dighton.
- 20 Raymond A. Andrews of Dighton and Donna A. Corr of Dighton.

MAY

- 3 Francis J. Korlacki, Jr. of Dighton and Barbara A. Rhodes of Niagara Falls, Canada.
- 4 Allen J. Dias of Dighton and Karen L. Haff of Somerset.
- 11 Hugh F. MacDonald, Jr. of Dighton and Donna Lee Ribeiro of Dighton.
- 17 John E. Gorrill of Raynnham and Joan Carlos Reynolds of Raynham.
- 18 Charles Brown of Taunton and Deborah Wilbur of Taunton.
- 18 Herbert R. Peloquin, Jr. of Dighton and Judith M. Mattoli of Brockton.
- 18 Joseph R. Gailes of Dighton and Donna C. Eagleson of Rehoboth.
- 25 David R. Rose of Dighton and Helene Deslauriers of Dighton.

JUNE

- 1 Francis L. Avilla of Taunton and Pamela Ann Menard of Taunton.
- 1 David J. Long of Taunton and Patricia M. Medeiros of Dighton.
- 1 George J. Wolfenden of Dighton and Marlies Clausing of L.I., N.Y.
- 1 Richard F. Rogers of Dighton and Jean M. Freeman of Fall River.
- 8 David F. Harwood of Dighton and Janice R. Boleman of Worcester.
- 8 Russell P. Mullen of Swansea and Freda Ann Carpenter of Dighton.
- 15 James P. Colonna of Framingham and Frances M. O'Connell of Dighton.
- 15 David M. Soares of Somerset and Mary L. Rogers of Dighton.
- 22 Norman E. Zaniboni of Plymouth and Paula J. Lavallee of Dighton.

- 25 John W. Silvia of Dighton and Esther I. (Grace) Tarvis of Dighton.
- 28 Kenneth A. Perry of Berkley and Virginia Ann Macker of Lakeville.
- 29 William E. Hood of Middleboro and Rebecca L. Silva of Dighton.

JULY

- 6 Cameron B. Place of Dighton and Jeanne E. Poirier of Taunton.
- 13 Richard L. Liston of Everett and Cheryl Ann Silver of Dighton.
- 13 Richard W. Brady of Taunton and Pamela J. Barrow of Dighton.
- 20 Michael G. Perry of Dighton and Amelia A. Morris of Taunton.
- 26 Edward B. Wyspianski of Woonsocket, R.I. and Sandra G. Tetreault of Dighton.
- 27 Norman E. Courcy of Dighton and Maureen T. Viveiros of Berkley.

AUGUST

- 3 John Lacerda of Dighton and Joan D. Boudreau of Lincoln, R.I.
- 3 Richard N. Perry of Dighton and Theresa A. Tokarz of Taunton.
- 4 Wayne C. Souza of Dighton and Ellen M. Fournier of Sharon.
- 10 Paul E. Santos of Dighton and Barbara E. Fernandes of Taunton.
- 10 Robert D. Bleau of Dighton and Carol A. Soszck of Taunton.
- 10 Wayne R. Tripp of Dighton and Robin Lee Garlington of Fairhaven.
- 17 David A. Tedford of Dighton and Mary L. Johnson of Dighton.

- 17 Martin Ulak of Taunton and Lorna Munroe of Attleboro.
- 17 William E. McKenney of Taunton and Cheryl J. Bradshaw of Dighton.
- 24 Thomas J. Black, Jr. of Woburn and Daphne M. Macomber of Dighton.
- 24 Joseph A. Marques of Dighton and Linda M. Theriault of Taunton.
- 24 Richard H. Jones of Taunton and Julianne Hayden of Dighton.

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Francis P. McDermott, Jr. of Dighton and Emelie M. Gordon of Taunton.
- 7 Antone P. Roderick of Dighton and Kathleen A. Cassidy of Rehoboth.
- 14 Lee F. Hackett of Taunton and Donna Lee Ashcroft of Dighton.
- 21 Robert F. Sisk of Taunton and Irene C. Simas of Taunton.
- 28 Edward Pierce, Jr. of Dighton and Gail Sousa of Dartmouth.
- 28 Leonard H. Burt of N.H. and Joanne E. Sylvia of Dighton.

OCTOBER

- 2 Joseph Medeiros of Dighton and Marie E. Nunes of Somerset.
- 5 Robert J. Lopes of Warwick, R.I. and Gene M. Korlacki of Dighton.
- 12 Dennis S. Avila of Taunton and Irene Dumenigo of Taunton.
- 19 Louis A. Gasbarro of Prov., R.I. and Elizabeth Ann Cottrell of Dighton.
- 19 Kenneth Delano of New Bedford and Christin Lemieux of Dighton.

- 26 Richard E. Roy of Dighton and Elaine M. Girard of Worcester.
- 26 George E. Hixon of Dighton and Marcia L. LeMaire of Taunton.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Ralph E. DaSilvia of Taunton and Barbara J. Mason of Dighton.
- 2 Gerald L. Chapman of Dighton and Susan LaFrance of Taunton.
- 2 Joseph Lacombe of Taunton and Susan Lee Estabrooks of Dighton.
- 5 Joseph G. Araujo of Taunton and Sharon H. Malaguti of Dighton.
- 21 John Palmer of Taunton and Rita Jusseaume of Dighton.
- 30 Robert W. Hopkins of Dighton and June L. Conforti of Swansea.

DECEMBER

- 13 Manuel S. DeMendonca of Fall River and Judith C. Balzotti of Middleboro.
- 28 Geoffrey A. Holt of Dighton and Barbara Ann Lawrence of Franklin.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1968

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
20	George Clement Hart	80	8	15
21	Ralph W. Burton	84	6	3
26	Jesse Elmer Horton	87	5	7
FEBRUARY				
19	Fred Heywood, Sr.	81	8	6
29	Hebert I. Carr, Jr.	63	6	2
MARCH				
3	Mary Ellen (Johnson) Estrella	70	—	—
8	Gilbert Amaral	56	—	—
14	Mary (Branco) Corey	72	—	1
16	Charles Murdock	91	—	25
APRIL				
4	George B. Collis	57	8	4
21	Rose E. (Child) Palmer	94	11	3
22	Ellen (Richardson) Murray	96	3	4
MAY				
1	Marion L. (Beal) Simmons	44	9	18
2	Arnold Wililam Duarte	16	11	12
5	John S. Bragga	66	4	18
6	Adele J. (Baker) Clement	85	5	27
9	Winston Cobb a/k/a Ohlsen	51	6	3
JUNE				
10	Infant Carpenter	9 hrs. 14 min.		

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JULY

27	John Russell Stanley	53	7	26
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AUGUST

23	Frances (Serpa) Baptista	87	1	25
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SEPTEMBER

17	Bethiah Pansy (Brown) Trainer	76	2	19
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OCTOBER

7	Charles C. Torres	66	11	3
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NOVEMBER

10	Ernest F. Darling	78	4	25
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26	Evangelina (Cabral) Elizardo	69	—	—
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DECEMBER

9	Ellen M. (Synan) McConville	78	2	16
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24	William D. Jack	28	2	24
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24	Humbert Rezendes Costa	42	—	16
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30	Lillian M. Smith	67	—	—
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REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/67	Interest in 1968	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/68
Harriet M. Briggs	200.00	300.22	12.82	313.04	20.00	293.04
Submit Babbitt	150.00	176.28	7.84	184.12	10.00	174.12
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	145.74	6.43	152.17	10.00	142.17
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	293.04	12.73	305.77	10.00	295.77
Ebenezer Gay	150.00	169.10	7.57	176.67	7.00	169.67
William D. Goff Lot	100.00	152.50	6.33	148.83	8.00	140.83
Bliss-Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	273.55	11.81	285.36	12.00	273.36
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	206.07	8.88	214.95	10.00	204.95
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	198.22	7.92	206.14	10.00	196.14
Martha L. Smith	50.99	58.30	2.32	60.62	3.00	57.62
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	723.85	33.14	756.99	30.00	726.99
Sarah Babbitt Lot	100.00	225.34	9.69	235.03	12.00	223.03
Joseph Gooding	142.75	151.07	6.80	157.87	5.00	152.87
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot	100.00	131.29	5.66	136.95	6.00	130.95
William Walker	250.00	258.31	11.59	269.90	10.00	259.90
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	128.15	5.51	133.66	6.00	127.66
George H. Horton	100.00	167.10	7.15	174.25	10.00	164.25
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	235.39	10.17	245.56	10.00	235.56
Gilbert Strange	300.00	302.63	13.37	316.00	16.00	300.00
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	209.38	9.30	218.68	12.00	206.68

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/67	Interest in 1968	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/68
Emery White	100.00	123.68	5.31	128.99	6.00	122.99
Emeline Wililams	100.00	133.46	5.91	139.37	8.00	131.37
Charles E. Carr	500.00	568.06	24.76	592.82	16.00	576.82
Isabelle W. Snow	100.00	100.10	4.02	104.12	3.00	101.12
N. Allen Walker	150.98	184.56	8.43	192.99	30.00	162.99
Briggs Lot	125.00	131.31	5.88	137.19	5.00	132.19
Joshua Bliss	5000.00	6071.17	268.51	6339.68	185.00	6154.68
Bliss-Westcoat	200.00	291.50	12.87	304.37	5.00	299.37
David W. Francis	100.00	158.36	8.48	166.84	4.50	162.34
Albert F. Goff	50.00	58.36	2.95	61.31	3.00	58.31
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	286.16	12.65	298.81	5.00	293.81
George E. Francis	100.00	225.37	12.06	237.43	5.00	232.43
Benjamin W. Goff	100.00	170.30	7.50	177.80	5.00	172.80
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	152.88	8.18	161.06	5.00	156.06
Ephira Goff	100.00	139.49	6.16	145.65	4.00	141.65
Truman N. Goff	100.00	172.02	7.60	179.62	5.50	174.12
Zenas H. Goff	200.00	342.32	18.37	360.69	5.50	355.19
John H. Harlow	100.00	132.28	5.85	138.13	5.00	133.13
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	132.95	5.85	138.80	4.00	134.80
John H. Horton	100.00	144.03	7.71	151.74	4.00	147.74

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/67	Interest in 1968	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/68
Nelson Horton	100.00	211.27	9.32	220.59	5.50	215.09
Job Paull	100.00	182.43	9.77	192.20	5.00	187.20
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	145.59	7.79	153.38	4.50	148.88
Etta Westcott	100.00	153.41	6.76	160.17	3.50	156.67
Westcott & McNally	200.00	251.63	12.78	264.41	5.50	258.91
Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	148.65	7.97	156.62	4.50	152.12
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	128.03	6.50	134.53	4.00	130.53
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	148.11	6.55	154.66	6.00	148.66
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	81.52	3.52	85.04	3.00	82.04
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	155.51	6.59	162.10	10.00	152.10
Nathan Walker	100.00	118.84	5.31	124.15	5.00	119.15
Wendell Weed	100.00	123.61	5.50	129.11	6.00	123.11
Williams Lot	100.00	228.61	10.46	239.07	—	239.07
Rufus P. Horton	400.00	470.13	18.88	489.01	15.00	474.01
Charles & Mary Olney	200.00	233.07	11.85	244.92	5.50	239.42
Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot	200.00	228.92	11.62	240.54	4.50	236.04
Charles Osman Gay	200.00	211.52	9.46	220.98	9.00	211.98
Smith-Kay Lot	500.00	517.09	20.77	537.86	16.00	521.86
Smith Burying Ground	50.00	100.01	4.43	104.44	—	104.44

TOWN OF DIGHTON JURY LIST 1968 - 1969

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Bacon, Sybil	Department Mgr.	1188 Smith St.	No. Dighton
Black, Allen C.	Ship'g Foreman	353 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Brown, Carlton L.	Machinist	1783 Elm St.	Dighton
Bush, Vida L.	Housewife	1239 Williams St.	No. Dighton
Chace, Milton F.	Plant Records	360 School Lane	Dighton
Chace, Persis B.	At Home	360 School Lane	Dighton
Cobb, John	Supervisor	1746 Cedar St.	Dighton
Deane, Ralph M., Jr.	Office Machine Repairer	237 Kirk Terrace	No. Dighton
Dutra, Seth	Farmer	222 Muddy Cove	Dighton
French, Edward C.	Asst. Manager	815 Center St.	No. Dighton
Goulart, George L.	Millwright & Welder	366 School Lane	Dighton
Gracia, Robert	Silver Worker	1865 Elm St.	Dighton
Guillet, Mary A.	Housewife	526 Main St.	Dighton
Hathaway, Mary H.	Assembler	1432 Center St.	No. Dighton
Horton, Patricia S.	Reg. Nurse	241 Andrews St.	No. Dighton
Horton, Roy W.	Carpenter, Semi Retired	Horton St.	No. Dighton
Johnson, Jean M.	At Home	866 Middle St.	No. Dighton
Le Forrest, Lawson	Hydrolic Press Operator	1940 Winthrop St.	No. Dighton
Lenny, Arthur A.	Textile Worker	462 Tremont St.	No. Dighton
Maguire, William J.	Lineman	1145 Center St.	No. Dighton
McCombs, George H.	Security Admin.	249 Rose Terrace	No. Dighton
Morton, Arthur R.	Carpenter	159 Summer St.	No. Dighton
Perry, Gene, Jr.	Warehouse Man	1703 Somerset Ave.	Dighton
Peterson, Albert A.	Supervisor	1543 Cedar St.	Dighton
Peterson, Virginia	Housewife	1543 Cedar St.	Dighton
Pine, Frank, Jr.	Textile Frame Operator	732 Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Pilling, Emily C.	Librarian	r1996 Elm St.	Dighton
Rines, Frances C.	Housewife	258 Baylies St.	No. Dighton
Rcse, John F.	Carpenter	1297 Williams St.	No. Dighton
Seekell, Edna	Subst. Teacher	626 School St.	No. Dighton
Silva, Antone R.	Foreman, Lacquer Spray	878 Williams St.	No. Dighton
Silva, Ramona L.	Housewife	878 Williams St.	No. Dighton
Simmons, Anna	At Home	224 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton

Simmons, Percy B.	Retired	224 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Sloan, Margaret M.	Housewife	1624 Old Williams St.	N. Dighton
Strange, Ellis S., Jr.	Machinist	1515 Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Torres, Wilhilmina	Jewelry Worker	292 Tremont St.	No. Dighton
Townsend, Mildred F.	Secretary	729 Center St.	No. Dighton
Varley, Elaine	Housewife	1247 Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Varley, Ruthe T.	Waitress	Chace Avenue	Dighton
Wells, Dorothy F.	At Home	1890 Elm St.	Dighton
Wilson, Myrtle	At Home	2128 Pleasant St.	Dighton
Woodward, Ralph A.	Stationary Mgr., Raytheon	252 Pearl St.	No. Dighton
Wolfenden, Mary R.	Counter Girl	1160 Briggs St.	No. Dighton
Zandi, John C.	Custodian	2371 Wellington St.	Dighton

JURORS DRAWN DURING 1968

January 10, 1968

John F. Rose, 1297 Williams St., No. Dighton, Carpenter.

Frances C. Rines, 258 Baylies St., No. Dighton, At Home.

Mary H. Hathaway, 1432 Center St., No. Dighton, Housewife.

Wilhilmina Torres, 292 Tremont St., No. Dighton, Jewelry Worker.

February 7, 968

Mary A. Guillet, 526 Main St., Dighton, Housewife.

March 13, 1968

Arthur R. Morton, 159 Summer St., No. Dighton, Carpenter.

April 3, 1968

Elaine Varley, 1247 Somerset Ave., Segreganset, Housewife.

Persis B. Chace, 360 School St., Dighton, At Home.

May 8, 1968

Mary R. Wolfenden, 1160 Briggs St., No. Dighton, Counter Girl.

Emily C. Pilling, 1996 Elm St., Dighton, Librarian.

June 12, 1968

Arthur A. Lenny, 462 Tremont St., No. Dighton, Textile Worker.

Lawson Le Forrest, 1940 Winthrop St., No. Dighton, Hydrolic Press Operator.

Roy W. Horton, Horton St., No. Dighton, Carpenter, Semi-Retired.

August 14, 1968

Margaret M. Sloan, 1624 Old Williams St., No. Dighton, Housewife.

September 11, 1968

Gene Perry, Jr., 1703 Somerset Ave., Dighton, Warehouse Man.

September 18, 1968

John Cobb, 1746 Cedar St., Dighton, Supervisor.

Edna Seekell, 626 School St., No. Dighton, Substitute Teacher.

Seth Dutra, 222 Muddy Cove, Dighton, Farmer.

October 9, 1968

John C. Zandi, 2371 Wellington St., Dighton, Custodian.

Ralph M. Deane, Jr., 237 Kirk Terrace, No. Dighton, Office Machine Repairer.

October 24, 1968

Ralph A. Woodward, 252 Pearl St., No. Dighton, Stationary Mgr., Raytheon.

Ramona L. Silva, 878 Williams St., No. Dighton, Housewife.

November 13, 1968

Percy B. Simmons, 224 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton, Retired.

December 4, 1968

William J. Maguire, 1145 Center St., No. Dighton, Lineman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our annual report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1968 is as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

To be raised by taxation	\$914,076.42	
To be taken from available funds:		
Voted in 1968	\$93,147.85	
Voted in 1967	9,000.00	
	<hr/>	102,147.85
School Lunches & Libraries		5,593.61
County Tax		31,938.69
County Hospital Assessment		5,037.20
State Recreation Areas		3,167.51
Audit of Municipal Accounts		3,503.73
Mosquito Control Program		2,708.03
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills		476.10
1967 Underestimates		801.81
Overlay		61,749.88
Amount to be raised		<hr/> \$1,131,200.83

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

State Tax Basis—	
Local Aid Fund Chp. 660	87,031.49
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	90,000.00
Licenses	5,931.19
Interest on Taxes	846.00
Income Tax	19,269.46
Veterans Benefits	4,900.00
Abatements to Veterans	191.40
School Transportation Chp. 71	21,000.00
Outside School Transportation	75.03
Special Education Program	6,500.00
Education of Deaf & Blind Pupils	2,000.00
Construction of School Project	
Chp. 645	11,792.00

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School Lunch Program	4,651.36	
Public Libraries	942.25	
A F D C	3,506.00	
D A	242.00	
O A A	4,636.00	
M A	13,158.00	
General Relief	710.00	
Tuition & Transportation Chp. 76	3,250.00	
School Aid Chp. 70	70,866.84	
Meals Tax	846.50	
Overestimates to be used	1,986.82	
Transferred from available funds	102,147.85	
Total Estimated Receipts		\$456,480.19
Amount to be raised by taxes		\$674,720.64
Value of Personal Property	\$ 829,275	
Taxes Assessed on Personal		\$79,610.40
Value of Real Estate	6,199,065	
Taxes Assessed on Real Estate		595,110.24
Total Valuation	\$7,028,340	
Total Taxes		\$674,720.64
Tax Rate—\$96.00 per M		
Total number of persons assessed		1,295
Number of acres of land assessed.		12,507
Number of dwelling houses assessed		1,174
Number of businesses assessed		33
Value of exempt property		3,994,183.00
Stock in trade		78,525
Machinery		35,600
All other tangible personal property		715,150
Value of land		871,740
Value of buildings		5,327,325
Taxes assessed on motor vehicles & trailers		106,718.18

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

Appropriations	31,136.00	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	277.88	
Overlay	1,389.07	
Gross amount to be raised		\$32,802.95
Estimated Receipts		\$19,700.00
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Net amount to be raised by taxes		\$13,102.95
Value of Personal		
Property	43,400	
Taxes on Personal		303.80
Value of Real Estate	1,828,450	
Taxes on Real Estate		12,799.15
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Total Valuation	1,871,850	
Total Taxes		\$13,102.95
Tax Rate—\$7.00 per M		

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT

Appropriations	5,054.00	
State Audit	98.28	
Overlay	757.84	
Gross amount to be raised		\$5,910.12
From Savings to Reduce Taxes		\$1,000.00
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Net amount to be raised		\$4,910.12
Value of Personal		
Property	336,625	
Taxes on Personal		
Property		572.27
Value of Real Estate	2,551,580	
Taxes on Rtal Estate		4,337.85
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Total Valuation	2,888,205	
Total Taxes		\$4,910.12
Tax Rate—\$1.70 per M		

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$80,775.47	
To be taken from available funds	3,100.00	
State Audit	526.55	
Overlay	4,170.88	
Gross amount to be raised		\$88,572.90
Estimated Receipts	\$30,000.00	
Transferred from available funds	3,100.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		\$33,100.00
Net amount to be raised by taxes		\$55,472.90
Value of Personal Property	\$ 409,225	
Taxes on Personal		\$ 5,729.15
Value of Real Estate	3,553,125	
Taxes on Real Estate		49,743.75
Total Valuation	\$3,962,350	
Total Taxes		\$55,472.90

Tax Rate—\$14.00 per M

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. MENDOZA, Chairman
 HOWELL S. CARR
 LEO T. PIVIROTTTO
 Board of Assessors

DOGS LICENSED IN 1968

Males	295
Females	39
Spayed Females	142
Kennels	12
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	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Real Estate					
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967			\$2,340.78	\$11,966.42	
Commitment					\$595,110.24
Added Interest			171.14	250.78	108.99
Refund Abatements				217.50	936.00
Total			<u>2,512.92</u>	<u>12,434.70</u>	<u>596,155.23</u>
Paid Treasurer					
Abatements			2,437.80	9,283.12	550,477.45
Taxes in Litigation				217.50	26,767.20
Tax Titles			63.35	104.40	556.80
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968			10.77	2,829.68	547.20
Total			<u>2,512.92</u>	<u>12,434.70</u>	<u>17,806.58</u>
					<u>596,155.23</u>
Personal Property					
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967			181.00	217.50	
Commitment					79,610.40
Added Interest				.77	
Total			<u>181.00</u>	<u>218.27</u>	<u>79,610.40</u>
Paid Treasurer					
Abatement			181.00	44.27	78,928.80
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968				174.00	48.00
Total			<u>181.00</u>	<u>218.27</u>	<u>633.60</u>
					<u>79,610.40</u>

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	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Motor Vehicle Excise					
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967					
Added Commitments	\$46.20	\$8.80	1,837.06	6,624.82	
Commitments				5,457.52	
Added Interest	.40	.60	5.44	87.50	106,718.18
Refund Abatements				583.04	19.96
Total	<u>46.60</u>	<u>9.40</u>	<u>1,842.50</u>	<u>12,752.88</u>	<u>109,330.01</u>
Paid Treasurer					
Abatements	20.20	9.40	478.26	9,307.40	85,097.89
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968	26.40		1,229.16	1,552.32	7,576.02
Total	<u>46.60</u>	<u>9.40</u>	<u>1,35.08</u>	<u>1,893.16</u>	<u>16,656.10</u>
			1,842.50	12,752.88	109,330.01
Dighton Water District—Personal					
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967			22.00		
Commitment					5,729.15
Total			<u>22.00</u>		<u>5,729.15</u>
Paid Treasurer					
Abatements			22.00		5,678.75
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968					7.00
Total			<u>22.00</u>		<u>43.40</u>
					5,729.15

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Dighton Water District—Real Estate					
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967		11.00	244.75	1,382.80	49,743.75
Commitment					
Added Interest			21.06	23.92	7.86
Total		11.00	265.81	1,406.72	49,751.61
Paid Treasurer					
Abatements			256.40	1,075.47	47,390.44
Tax Titles			9.35	35.00	21.00
Taxes in Litigation				12.50	44.10
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968		11.00		283.75	53.20
Total		11.00	265.81	1,406.72	2,242.87
					49,751.61

Dighton Electric Light District—Personal					
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967			4.00		
Commitment					
Total			4.00		572.27
					572.27
Paid Treasurer					
Abatement			4.00		567.00
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968					
Total			4.00		5.27
					572.27

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	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Dighton Electric Light District—Real Estate					
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968			20.22	162.15	
Commitment			1.73	2.31	4,337.85
Added Interest					.67
Total			<u>21.95</u>	<u>164.46</u>	<u>4,338.52</u>
Paid Treasurer			20.95	115.86	4,133.15
Abatements					3.91
Tax Titles			1.00	2.00	5.36
Taxes in Litigation					6.46
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967				<u>46.60</u>	<u>189.64</u>
Total			<u>21.95</u>	<u>164.46</u>	<u>4,338.52</u>
North Dighton Fire District—Personal					
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967			3.50	3.50	
Commitment					303.80
Added Interest			.31	.09	
Total			<u>3.61</u>	<u>3.59</u>	<u>303.80</u>
Paid Treasurer			3.81	3.59	300.30
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968					3.50
Total			<u>3.61</u>	<u>3.59</u>	<u>303.80</u>

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
North Dighton Fire District—Real Estate					
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967			132.20	383.43	
Commitment					12,799.15
Added Interest			11.41	4.83	1.11
Refund Abatement					.70
Total			<u>143.61</u>	<u>388.26</u>	<u>12,800.96</u>
Paid Treasurer			142.91	237.41	12,421.21
Abatements					2.80
Tax Titles					8.40
Taxes in Litigation					14.00
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1968			<u>.70</u>	<u>150.85</u>	<u>354.55</u>
Total			<u>\$143.61</u>	<u>\$388.26</u>	<u>\$12,800.96</u>

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report of the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1968:

The Department received 174 calls as follows:

Automobile accidents	7	House trailer	2
Boat yard	1	Mutual aid	4
Bomb scares	4	Marsh grass	12
Brush	11	Pile of wood	2
Bonfire	1	Grass and brush	11
Building	1	Grass	36
Bridge	1	Garage	2
Automobile	3	Rekindle	1
Call to deliver medicine	1	Oil burner	1
Canoe and stand	1	Missing man in woods	1
Crane tipped over on		Sheds	2
power line	1	Needless calls	3
Dump	12	Leaves	1
Coffee Shoppe, Dog Track	1	Stolen car	1
Electric cable	1	Storage building	1
Electric motor	1	Woods	28
Fruit stand	1	Water pump	1
False calls	7	Rubbish	4
House	3	Wash road of oil	1

The following are approximate figures on the amount of materials and equipment used:

Water, 243,455 gals.	Hydrants, 24
Booster hose, 19,625 ft.	CO ² Extinguishers, 4
Forestry hose, 23,010 ft.	Dri-powder, 1
2½" hose, 3,650 ft.	Pump cans, 17
1½" hose, 4,350 ft.	Ladders, 128 ft.

Portable generators, lights, smoke ejectors, Scott air packs, fire broms, chimney cleaners, foam ejectors, etc.

Permits issued:

Oil burner	14	Gasoline	2
L.P. Gas	10	Underground storage	3
Explosives	4		

Many cellars that were flooded during the storm in March were pumped out by the department.

Water delivered to homes with dry wells.

Department participated in area parades in Berkley, Norton, Rehoboth and North Attleboro.

Tank truck used for snow plowing.

Several members attended a fire muster in Dartmouth.

Several suspicious fires investigated by Dep. Lieut. Monsuor of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Department took part in Memorial Day and Kiddies Day parades and stood by at Dog Track during fireworks.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the citizens of our town for the cooperation and assistance they have given the fire department and also, for helping to keep losses at a minimum during the year, and to the members of the department for their faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. WILLIS, Chief
Fire Department and
Forest Warden

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,

I hereby submit my report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1968.

ARRESTS: Assault & Battery (3), Drunkenness (5), Disturbing the Peace (5), Illegitimacy (1), Operating Without Authority (3), Bad Checks (2), Leaving the Scene (1), Assault with Dangerous Weapon (1), Neglect to Provide (1), Threat to do Bodily Harm (1), Breaking and Entering in Nighttime (4), Larceny Over (4), Larceny Under (1), Arson (1), Driving Under (1), Driving to Endanger (2), Operating after Suspension (1), Escape from State Hospital (2).

Summons Served (111), Complaints (520), Requests (545), Breaks (30), Stolen Cars Recovered (23), Missing Persons (10), Bomb Scares (3), Accidents (70), Larceny (19), Restitution (4), Permits to Carry Firearms (42), Permits to Sell Firearms (2), Firearms I D Cards (250).

I wish to thank the Officers, Town Officials, Townspeople and the State Police from the Rehoboth Barracks for their cooperation in carrying out the work of the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MASON,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON AMBULANCE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,

I hereby submit the following report of the service rendered by the Dighton Ambulance for the year ending December 31, 1968.

The ambulance made 125 runs as follows:

To the—

Dighton Nursing Home	5
Boston Floating Hospital	1
Oak Hill Nursing Home, Middleboro	1
Longmeadow Nursing Home	1
Lakeville Hospital, Lakeville	2
Peter Bent Brigham, Boston	1
Rhode Island Hospital, R.R.I.	1
Rosewood Nursing Home, Taunton	1
Home, Dighton	10
Morton Hospital	74
Wedgemere Rest Home, Taunton	5
St. Ann Hospital	3
St. Luke Hospital	1
Sturdy Hospital, Attleboro	2
Truesdale Hospital	13
Union Hospital	3
Mass. General Hospital, Boston	1
Ambulance not used:	6

From—

Automobile Accidents	Raytheon, North Dighton
I. C. I. America, Inc.	Peter Bent Brigham, Boston
Girl Scout Camp	Morton Hospital
Home, Dighton	Truesdale Hospital
Dog Track	St. Elizabeth Hospital,
Dighton Nursing Home	Brighton
Wedgemere Nursing Home	South Dighton Fire Station
Aggie. School	Regional High School
Jr. High School	

Patients handled	131
Patients administered oxygen	11
Patients D. O. A.	5
Accidents	11

I wish to thank the officers and members of the Dighton Fire Department who have manned the ambulance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. WILLIS, Chief
Fire Department

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1968

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1967	\$ 268,411.78
Total Receipts in 1968	1,383,341.37
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	\$1,651,753.15
Selectmen's Warrants in 1968	\$1,441,205.46
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1968	210,547.69
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	\$1,651,753.15

See Town Accountant's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Dighton Heritage Committee met in the year 1968 and listed historically significant events.

The Committee was most interested in the successful efforts of the Dighton Historical Society to purchase and begin restoration of the old house at the corner of Williams and Center Streets. This house was built by Job Winslow sometime prior to 1792 and was lived in for many years by Sam Davis, a former Dighton Selectmen. It was also noted that the stencilling found in the house has opened up a new field of investigation for the newly formed research committee of the Dighton Historical Society. This committee will probably add valuable information about the heritage of Dighton over the years to come.

Thanks are gratefully given to those citizens who have helped our committee and the Dighton Historical Society through gifts of information, maps, flags and other donations. The committee thanks especially the Selectmen who gave us the use of the Nicholas Stevens house—also known as the Coddington house—for research and for old lumber usable in the restoration of the Sam Davis house. The Stevens house, the Hunt house on Stoddard Avenue and the Walker house on Somerset Avenue, last lived in by Emily Lima, have now been torn down.

We urge Dighton citizens to take an active interest in all efforts to preserve for the future the events and the products of the fast disappearing past.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. LANE, Chairman
HELEN BROWN, Secretary
ELAINE VARLEY
CHARLES H. HARRIS
Heritage Committee

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

To the Board of Selectmen and the Townspeople of Dighton:

During 1968 the Dighton Historical Society has made a definite start in the work of securing a place for storing and displaying Dighton antiques, artifacts and valuable papers. A bequest of \$5,000 by Mrs. Delight Standish Jones, together with donations by Townspeople, made this possible. Before the house was purchased, the Society was incorporated under Massachusetts laws. A house to house canvass endorsed by the Selectmen was conducted during the spring months. This brought in \$1,950.00. Donations from this canvass are still coming in. Many former residents have sent contributions. Such are exempt from Federal taxes. We hope that more will come in, especially from people whom we are unable to contact.

The house purchased is interesting and was sturdily built by Job Winslow, probably the grandson of Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, the first minister of Dighton. Perhaps it should be called the Winslow-Davis House, but so far we refer to it as the Sam Davis House from Sam Davis, former Selectman, who lived in it from 1823 to his death, in 1860.

Extensive research by Rev. Louis Dees has established the date of building the house as before 1790 and has shown the succession of ownership from then to the present time.

The Winslow-Davis House is notable for brightly colored stencilled designs of rose, buff, brick red and black on the walls in three of the rooms and for windows with nine small panes over six. Most of the inside doors are in good condition with the original latches.

The outside walls needed repair and Richard Simmons was employed to make it watertight. This has been done. Many hours of labor have been given by members of the Society and by Townspeople. A large part of the outside walls has received at least one coat of paint.

There is much more to be done. The yard must be improved and cleaned and a suitable parking place set aside. The stencilled walls are instinctive and should be restored. The fireplace should be restored to their original condition. We plan to install central heating with the hope that three rooms may be fitted as an apartment so that articles placed in the museum may have protection. Some necessary articles of plumbing, wall paper and paint have already been contributed or promised.

To add to the fund collected the Society has sold over 600 cookbooks. These are inexpensive and make nice presents. Large picture maps of the Town and Council Oak Plates have also been sold. All articles are still available. Three sales with open house have been held at the Winslow-Davis House. We hope that Townspeople will continue to support these sales so that insurance, electricity and water may be financed and hopefully, our restoration fund may be increased.

We have continued our interest in old cemeteries, and this has paid off financially in a small way, as inquirers about old Dighton families have sent us donations in return for information sent them. We still read and copy gravestones when the weather is suitable. With the exception of a part of the Dighton Unitarian Cemetery, all have been charted.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. LANE,
Town Historian

PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED IN 1968

The following Permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen:

Building Permits:

New Houses	35	Gravel Permits	15
Mobile Homes		Plumbing Permits	77
(1 Temporary)	14	Sanitation Permits	74
Garages	9	Sausage Permit	1
Miscellaneous	30	Garbage & Rubbish	
Apartment Houses	3	Collector	3
Additions & Alterations	19	Gas Storage Permits	3
Demolishing	9	Electrical Permits	84

The following Licenses were issued:

All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses:

Retail Package Store	3	Common Victualler	3
Club	1	Temporary Wine & Malt	1

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

Class I	1	Class III	2
Class II	7		
Denatured Alcohol	4	Lord's Day Sale	8
Auctioneer's	2	Oleomargarine	5
Food Service Establishment	17	Milk, Store	5
Camps, Cabins, Motels	2	Milk, Vehicle	6
Common Victualler (food)	8	Oyster Privilege	1
Lord's Day Entertainment	42	Junk Collector	1

Permission to conduct dog racing was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. from August 28, 1968 to August 31, 1968; to the Rehoboth Fair, Inc. from September 2, 1968 thru' September 7, 1968 and again, to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. from September 9, 1968 thru' October 31, 1968.

Permission was issued to Frohman Anderson to conduct Auto Cross Time Trials at the former Nike Site, Sharp's Lot Road on seven (7) Sundays during the year 1968.

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

I hereby submit my seventh annual report of the Dighton Playground Commission.

We contacted the Dept. of Natural Resources in the month of April trying to procure federal aid under a Water Pollution Act, whereby the federal government gives federal funds to build recreational facilities. Mr. Yassie of the State Dept. of Natural Resources was appointed by the Governor as our Liaison contact for federal funds. We expressed our desire and need for these funds and were put on a list. We have had numerous contacts saying that when the money is available, we will be notified. As of this report, we have received no word on new funds.

The playgrounds opened at the close of school and were attended by many boys and girls under the supervision of Mrs. Jean Coelho of No. Dighton and Miss Sherry Medeiros of So. Dighton. We extend our thanks for a job well done.

In December the Tree Lighting Ceremony was held and I wish to thank the Dighton Lions Club for the refreshments that were served.

Christmas was saddened very much by the loss of Mr. Humbert Costa, a member of this board who passed away on Dec. 24, 1968. The children of the town have lost a great friend who dedicated himself to the youth. We shall miss him very much, we only hope that the youth will always remember what Mr. Costa stood for; honesty, fair play and love for people.

On Dec. 31, 1968 Mr. Manuel Sanson, Chairman of this board resigned due to a new position as Police Officer for the Town of Dighton. He has offered his services whenever needed and may be called on in the future for help.

At this time I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Townspeople, Street Dept., Police Dept. and Fire Dept. for all the help they have extended this Board. I also wish to thank the children who have helped a great deal.

Respectfully submitted,

MANUEL SANSON, Chairman
SYLVESTER VILELA

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Inspector of Animals for the year 1968 is as follows:

I visited and inspected forty-eight barns and found the following number of animals:

Beef cattle	68
Dairy cattle	143
Bulls	3
Ponies	19
Horses	22
Sheep	27
Swine	14
Goats	2

These animals appear healthy and the barns were clean. The inspection book was mailed to the Division of Livestock Diseases Control, Government Center, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass. 02202 on Dec. 31, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. BERGER,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1968.

Total circulation of books and periodicals	19,557
Adults	10,111
Juveniles	8,689
Periodicals	757

Number of persons using the reading room	1,069
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Collected in fines	\$80.24
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During the year, 495 books were added, 22 of which were gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY C. PILLING,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Selectmen:

On April 3, 1968, I was notified of my appointment and approval by Dr. Samuel Kirkwood, Commissioner of Public Health, as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Dighton for the year ending March 31, 1969.

A monthly report has been mailed to the Dept. of Public Health, Boston, Mass. I have not been called upon for any inspections.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. BERGER,
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

During the year the Town Cemetery was mowed twice. Fifty-seven Perpetual Care lots were mowed. Perhaps not as well as we had hoped, but a few times. In 1969 the Commissioners have plans, which they have discussed with the Selectmen, for better mowing of Perpetual Care lots, and for repairing of stones and mowing of lots under Perpetual Care.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY HORTON

EARL HATHAWAY

ELAINE VARLEY, Secretary
Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

This is the fifth annual report of the Board of Appeals, During 1968 this Board heard and acted upon six (6) cases in which building permits were refused due to certain infractions of the Zoning By-Laws. This Board has the authority to issue a variance of the By-Laws when in its final judgment such variance is justified.

Respectfully submitted,

FROHMAN ANDERSON, Chairman

JOSEPH LAWRENCE

WILLIAM DUARTE

Associate Members:

FRANCIS O'CONNOR

WILLIAM MAGUIRE, SR.

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Townpseople of Dighton:

Since my appointment in September, 1968 as Civil Defense Director, Dighton has continued to be active in local, state and national radio and alert drills as required by the Department of the Army, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Office of Civil Defense.

Due to the lack of proper storage space the Dighton Defense Director, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, has requested that the Hospital Unit that was stored in the basement of the Junior High School be returned and assigned to some other town that has the available storage space.

To replace this transfer of the Hospital Unit the Dighton Civil Defense Director, with the assistance of the Director of Civil Defense, Sector 2A, are negotiating for licensed Shelters with industries in the town.

A licensed Shelter contains food, medical supplies and other supplies to sustain life for several days.

In December 1968, I completed a correspondence course called "Civil Defense U.S.A.", the purpose of which was to explain the relationship between military defense planning and civil defense planning in the nuclear age.

I wish to thank the Town Officials, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the Superintendent of Streets and their Departments, the Town Officials and Personnel, the Civil Defense Radio Officer, Mr. Fred Rebello, Mr. Henry Descoteaux and everyone who has helped in Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD GRACIA,

Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Planning Board was required to resubmit our application to the State Department of Urban Affairs. At present sixteen (16) communities in the State also have applications pending. Dighton is one of the eight (8) communities with an "A" rating for funding. We have been told by the State that they hope that Dighton's 701 Grant will be funded by Spring, 1969.

The Planning Board presented to the Town a Zoning By-Law. Although the majority of the Townspeople voted for its adoption, it did not carry. The vote was 177, for and 100, against. 184 votes were needed for adoption.

At the request of many of the Townspeople we will present a Zoning By-Law to the Town at the annual Town Meeting in March, 1969.

The Board has routinely signed all plans for recording of deeds and checked all building permits of which six (6) were referred to the Board of Appeals.

At present the Board has two (2) subdivisions of land pending. One for twenty-two (22) house lots and one for nine (9) house lots.

We express our thanks to the citizens who were very helpful in reviewing the Zoning By-Laws before presentation to the Town at the Town Meeting and to the Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Officials and Personnel who have cooperated with us.

Respectfully submitted,

C. DOUGLASS GARNETT, Chairman
RICHARD BABBITT, Vice Chairman
GEORGE A. PERRY, Clerk
MILTON HORTON
RICHARD C. ENGLER

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the dog officer for 1968. All complaints of creating a disturbance and annoying livestock were taken care of. All dogs killed on highways were picked up and taken away.

All strays picked up and not claimed were turned over to the County after being held ten days.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. MASON,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,

Benefits were granted to nineteen (19) cases which qualified for assistance during the year 1968.

Town Appropriation of \$31,050.00 showed a balance of \$19.94 at the end of the year, as total expenditures amounted to \$31,030.06. a total of \$16,759.96 was used to pay bills for the year 1966.

State reimbursements of \$5,792.29 were received. Therefore, net town expense was \$25,237.77.

Appreciation is expressed to the Commissioner of Veterans' Services and the personnel of the State Department for their assistance.

The cooperation of Town Officials and Personnel is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH DEANE, JR.,
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the year 1968:

Sanitation Permits	74
Building Permits	106

Building permits consisted of the following:

New Houses	35
Trailers	14
Apartment Houses	3
Garages	9
Carports	2
Sheds	12
Green Houses	2
Barns	2
Swimming Pools	6
Additions and other buildings	21

Six permits were referred to the Board of Appeals.

All food establishments were inspected and permits issued.

Violations of health laws were investigated and compliance attained.

One court case was heard on a violation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. DUFFY, R.S.,
Sanitation Inspector

General Accounts

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash.		Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	\$ 18.00
On Hand and in Banks	\$210,547.69	Sale of Real Estate	7,725.02
Petty Cash Advances	18.00		
Accounts Receivable:		Appropriation Balances:	
Taxes:		Comprehensive Plan	\$ 5,850.00
1966 Real Estate	\$ 10.77	Town Forest	750.00
1967 Real Estate	2,829.68	So. Dighton Dump	4,000.00
1968 Real Estate	17,806.58	Sewage Needs	7,500.00
	20,647.03	Chapter 90—Const.	2,853.17
1967 Personal Property	174.00	Land Damages	3,359.80
1968 Personal Property	633.60	School Needs	10,000.00
		Conservation Fund	92.50
Taxes in Litigation			34,405.47
1966 Motor Excise	135.08	Federal Grants:	
1967 Motor Excise	1,893.16	D.A. Adm.	115.33
1968 Motor Vehicle	16,656.10	A.F.D.C. Adm.	182.78
	18,684.34	O.A.A. Adm.	78.18
Departmental:		M.A. Adm.	1,071.85
Street Dept.	35.40	D.A.	78.07
Veterans Benefits	760.69	A.F.D.C.	189.74
M A	463.57	O.A.A.	232.68
D A	53.54	M.A.	5,158.91
	1,313.20		7,107.54

ANNUAL REPORT

Overestimates—	
State Mosquito Control	460.74
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	73,689.74
Excess & Deficiency—Surplus Revenue	90,934.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$325,577.85
TOTAL ASSETS	\$325,577.85

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	\$ 60,000.00	Elementary School Bonds	\$ 60,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds: Cash in Savings Banks	\$ 19,390.56
Cemeteries Perpetual Care Funds	12,066.07
Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	6,154.68
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	1,169.81
	<hr/> \$ 19,390.56

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS DECEMBER 31, 1968

Elementary School Building	Outstanding 1/1/68	Rate of Int.	Paid Out 1968	Outstanding 12/31/68	Amount Due 1969
General Debt within statutory debt limit	\$24,000.00	2.20	6,000.00	18,000.00	6,000.00
General Debt outside Statutory debt limit	56,000.00	2.20	14,000.00	42,000.00	14,000.00
	<u>\$80,000.00</u>		<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

1968

Accountant's Analysis of Receipts for the Year 1968

TAXES

Motor Vehicle

1963	\$ 75.90	
1964	19.80	
1965	8.80	
1966	472.82	
1967	9,219.90	
1968	8,077.93	
	<hr/>	\$ 94,875.15

Real Estate

1966	2,266.66	
1967	9,032.34	
1968	550,368.46	
	<hr/>	561,667.46

Personal Property

1967	43.50	
1968	78,928.80	
	<hr/>	78,972.30

Interest on Taxes

Real Estate	530.91	
Motor Vehicle	115.50	
Personal Property	.77	
	<hr/>	647.18

Tax Title Account	103.71
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Tax Title Redemption	870.21
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Penalty Interest	68.55
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DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Town Office	300.01
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	147.48
Rent Welfare Dept.	325.00

Veterans Benefits	9,050.51	
General Relief—Welfare	474.94	
	<hr/>	10,297.94
D.A. Adm.	99.62	
A.F.D.C. Adm.	483.77	
O.A.A. Adm.	278.18	
M.A. Adm.	754.14	
D.A.	669.95	
A.F.D.C.	4,084.15	
O.A.A.	2,953.26	
M.A.	18,019.49	
	<hr/>	27,342.56
Licenses, Permits, Fees		
Club Licenses	1,000.00	
Restaurant Licenses	1,000.00	
Package Store	200.00	
Temporary Wine & Malt	38.00	
Lord's Day	29.00	
Motor Vehicle	45.00	
Milk Licenses	5.75	
Oleo Licenses	2.75	
Common Victualler	30.00	
Cabin & Camp License	1.00	
Denatured Alcohol	3.00	
Electrical Permits	656.00	
Trailer Permits	40.00	
Gravel Permits	130.00	
Building Permits	475.00	
Firearms I.D. Permits	500.00	
Firearm Permits to Carry	86.00	
Licenses to Sell Firearms	20.00	
Oyster Bed Permit	50.00	
Gasoline Storage	3.00	
Gasoline Renewals	3.50	
Junk Collector	7.00	
Sausage Mfr.	5.00	
Sanitation Permits	380.00	
Adv. Fees	13.38	
Lord's Day Ent.	66.00	

Garbage Permits	4.00	
Plumbing Permits	613.00	
Food Service	68.50	
Auctioneer's License	13.00	
Hearing Fees	110.00	
Land Court Costs	49.10	
	<hr/>	5,646.98
Donation—Christmas Fund		500.00
County of Bristol		
Boarding Dogs	480.00	
Dog Fund	738.43	
Court Fines	237.00	
Parking Fines	35.00	
	<hr/>	1,490.43
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS		
National Defense Education	851.33	
Aid for Public Libraries	942.25	
Meals Tax	902.86	
School Aid Chp. 645	11,792.02	
Voc. School Transportation	75.03	
School Transp. Chp. 71	15,143.96	
State Ward—Tuition & Transp.	2,574.73	
Reim.—Loss of Taxes	307.20	
School Aid Chp. 69-71	6,477.00	
School Aid Chp. 70	74,422.67	
State Tax Basis	106,300.95	
	<hr/>	219,790.00
REFUNDS & RECOVERIES		
A.F.D.C.	266.00	
O.A.A.	2.50	
D.A.	1,007.70	
Veterans Benefits	3.58	
Refund Land Court	6.50	
Accountants Refund	148.08	
Street Dept. Refund	37.30	
Road Machinery Refund	24.80	
Anti Trust Refund	9.09	
School Dept. Refund	293.91	
	<hr/>	1,799.46

MISCELLANEOUS

Tailing Acct.	548.94	
Photo Copy Collections	13.50	
Road Machinery	1,710.00	
Pers. Telephone Calls	16.45	
Sale of Surplus Property	15.85	
Street Listings	7.75	
Employers Compensation	73.51	
Special Light—Dog Track	66.00	
Ambulance Claim	98.62	
Tax Anticipation Loan	150,000.00	
Cert. of Municipal Lien	3.00	
Cost of Printing Checks	274.92	
Recording Fee	4.06	
Town Histories	95.00	
Anniversary Booklets	2.00	
Anniversary Coins	9.00	
Library Fines	80.24	
School Dept. Receipts	26.22	
	<hr/>	153,045.06

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Commonwealth of Mass.	9,875.99	
Elem. & Jr. High	25,591.61	
	<hr/>	35,467.60

AGENCY ACCOUNTS

County Retirement	6,746.61	
Federal Tax	60,525.79	
State Tax	9,765.72	
Teachers Retirement	12,690.24	
Washington Insurance	1,041.50	
Charles Chase Fund Int.	30.00	
Cemeteries—P.C.	643.00	
Proceeds—Dog Licenses	1,144.75	
Proceeds—Sale of Dogs	87.00	
Fire Dept. Special—Dog Track	2,800.00	
Police Dept. Special—Raytheon	162.50	
Police Dept. Special—Dog Track	17,290.00	
Police Dept. Special—Rehoboth Fair	1,193.50	
Tax Sheltered Annuity	1,230.00	
	<hr/>	115,350.61

CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INS.

Employee Deductions	6,128.81	
Receipts for Grp. Ins.	328.02	
	<hr/>	6,456.83

AID TO HIGHWAYS

State

Chapter 81 #8445	7,629.17	
Chapter 81 #8263	6,076.33	
Chapter 616	4,442.17	
Chapter 90 Williams St.	5,386.50	
Chapter 90 #23835	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	25,534.17

County

Chapter 90 Maint. #23575	1,700.00	
Chapter 90 #23835	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	2,700.00

U.S. GRANTS

D.A. Adm.	754.50	
A.F.D.C. Adm.	1,041.21	
O.A.A. Adm.	876.43	
M.A. Adm.	542.84	
D.A.	2,190.49	
A.F.D.C.	6,160.50	
O.A.A.	2,400.00	
M.A.	26,749.20	
	<hr/>	40,715.17

Total Receipts	\$1,383,341.37	
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1968	268,411.78	
	<hr/>	\$1,651,753.15

DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS

1968

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Salaries	\$ 3,200.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	61.70	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	181.22	
Telephone	248.35	
Building Inspector	350.00	
Misc.	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,051.27

Accountant

Salary	4,070.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	375.13	
Dues, Meetings	25.00	
Binding	124.26	
Equip.	305.00	
	<hr/>	4,899.39

Treasurer

Salary	1,498.28	
Asst. Treas.	200.00	
Clerical	29.87	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	854.30	
Dues, Luncheons, Mileage	78.34	
Telephone	80.00	
Equipment	45.00	
Misc.	53.64	
	<hr/>	2,839.43

Collector

Salary	2,596.16	
Clerical	104.64	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	602.23	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	50.92	
Telephone	80.00	
Misc.	93.86	
	<hr/>	3,527.81

Assessors

Salaries	3,900.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	125.89	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	417.75	
Telephone	39.30	
Updating Maps	585.00	
Copies, from Registry	194.56	
Equip. & Repairs	55.01	
	<hr/>	5,317.51

Clerk

Salary	1,596.20	
Clerical	16.63	
Supplies, Printing & Postage	205.09	
Telephone	80.00	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	147.18	
Equipment	38.00	
Misc.	57.50	
	<hr/>	2,140.60

Election & Registration

Clerical	160.92	
Registrars	500.00	
Census Takers	445.00	
Police & Janitors	265.95	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	243.25	
Telephone	9.45	
Mileage	11.60	
Checkers	1,139.00	
	<hr/>	2,775.17

Planning Board

Dues	30.00	
Assessment	301.52	
Supplies	35.56	
Clerical	30.00	
Adv.	5.04	
Meetings	35.00	
	<hr/>	437.12

Town Office

Salaries	7,946.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	778.19	

Adv.	77.03	
Town Reports	1,036.00	
Misc.	70.00	
Equip.	74.40	
Recording	32.12	
Legal Fees	86.62	
Tree Warden	50.00	
Moderator	50.00	
	<hr/>	10,200.36
Conservation Commission		15.00
Conservation Fund		3,913.45
Town Counsel		2,028.50
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Police Department		
Chiefs Salary	6,600.76	
Police Officers	17,828.30	
Misc.	140.75	
Telephone	854.80	
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	89.50	
Gas & Oil	1,754.41	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	268.48	
Lock up Fees	28.00	
Equip. & Repairs	1,045.18	
	<hr/>	28,610.18
Police Dept. Special		
Raytheon Co.	162.50	
Dog Track	17,290.00	
Rehoboth Fair	1,193.50	
	<hr/>	18,646.00
Board of Appeals		
Adv.		32.34
Police Cruiser Acct.		
Repairs		135.55

Electrical Inspector

Fees	641.00
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Ambulance

Drivers	443.25	
Gas & Oil	95.96	
Repairs & Equip.	59.25	
Firemen (ICI)	247.50	
Light	45.40	
	<hr/>	891.36

Fire Department

Firemen	4,624.25	
Chiefs Salary	670.00	
Dep. Chiefs	740.00	
Janitor	260.00	
Gas & Oil	360.82	
Water, Light, Fuel	1,347.18	
Firemen (ICI)	1,542.00	
Telephone	887.76	
Equip. & Repairs	4,211.94	
Misc.	323.28	
Laundry	12.36	
	<hr/>	14,979.59

Fire Dept. Special

Dog Track	2,800.00
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Hydrant Rental

2,430.00

Shade Tree Acct.

466.75

Brush Control

503.48

Dog Officer

682.00

Dog Licenses

1,156.50

Sale of Dogs

87.00

Civilian Defense

Salaries	333.32	
Fuel & Electric	63.70	
Telephone	73.73	
Office Supplies	65.80	
Repairs & Equip.	58.10	
Clerical	10.50	
Surplus Prop.	35.75	
Mileage	51.52	
Misc.	26.25	
	<hr/>	718.67

HEALTH AND SANITATION**Board of Health**

Salaries	1,499.78	
Visiting Nurses	338.84	
Clinics	270.62	
Vital Statistics	194.00	
Animal Insp.	250.44	
Misc.	877.82	
Sanitation Insp.	350.00	
Plumbing Insp.	703.00	
	<hr/>	4,484.50

Care of Town Dumps

Wages	2,184.00	
Maint.	688.55	
Misc.	2.52	
	<hr/>	2,875.07

Mosquito Control

250.00

North Dighton Dump

5,000.00

Street Department

Wages	24,450.49
Equip. Rental & Material	1,581.56
Repairs, Supplies	1,064.17
Signs	107.90
Traffic Control	835.07

Snow Removal		
Material	6,107.81	
Labor	2,428.80	
Removal of Dead Trees	491.15	
Misc.	126.49	
Building		
Water, Elect., Fuel	986.61	
Telephone	278.43	
Supplies	385.72	
Equip. & Repairs	219.43	
Blasting	52.00	
Gravel Rds.	2,003.47	
	<hr/>	41,119.10
Road Machinery Account		
Gas & Oil	2,247.61	
Parts & Repairs	3,267.41	
Misc.	40.10	
	<hr/>	5,555.12
Chapter 81		
Labor	5,412.70	
Material	11,516.54	
Equip.	4,691.96	
	<hr/>	21,621.20
Chapter 90—Maint.		
Labor	1,304.00	
Material	2,726.12	
Equip.	1,069.88	
	<hr/>	5,100.00
Chapter 90—Main & Center		
Labor	2,553.60	
Material	847.61	
Equip.	688.00	
	<hr/>	4,089.21
Chapter 90—Williams St.		
Contract	20,527.80	
Frames	130.06	
Electric	19.00	
Lights	23.00	
Pipe	833.48	
	<hr/>	21,533.34

Chapter 822—Chestnut St.		7,225.56
Chapter 679—Chestnut St.		13,326.51
Chapter 616—Chestnut St.		4,442.17
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		
Salary	840.00	
Power	32.10	
Repairs	266.45	
Adv.	42.00	
	<hr/>	1,180.55
Sidewalk Maint.		
Wages	517.60	
Material	455.36	
	<hr/>	972.96
Public Assistance Adm.		
Admin. Salaries	5,168.07	
Jr. Clerk Salary	791.30	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	355.78	
Telephone	116.05	
Mileage	100.00	
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	50.00	
	<hr/>	6,581.20
A.F.D.C.		
Cash	8,361.94	
Medical	19,924.18	
	<hr/>	28,286.12
D.A.		
Cash	4,087.22	
Medical	7,882.46	
	<hr/>	11,969.68
O.A.A.		
Cash	5,406.90	
Medical	24,114.67	
	<hr/>	29,521.57
General Relief—Welfare		
Cash	965.13	
Medical	79.37	
Groceries, Clothing, Rent	499.47	
	<hr/>	1,544.17

Veterans Benefits

Agents Salary	699.98	
Cash	12,111.44	
Medical	17,134.88	
Auto Expense	50.00	
Groceries, Clothing, Rent	1,018.64	
Misc.	18.70	
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SCHOOL DEPT.

Admin. Salaries	6,327.48	
General Salaries	7,721.92	
General Expense	3,102.28	
Teachers Salaries	257,707.52	
Text Books, Supplies	12,136.23	
Tuition	1,043.33	
Transportation	29,025.29	
Maint. Bldg. Grounds	6,254.62	
Janitors Salaries	20,229.00	
Supplies	2,603.15	
Bldg. Supplies	397.89	
Food Service	2,109.89	
Teachers Aids	2,371.45	
Electric, Gas, Water	6,153.38	
Fuel	5,533.14	
Telephone	657.88	
Repairs & Equip.	7,944.98	
Household Arts	2,367.00	
Industrial Arts	198.16	
School Vehicle	198.76	
Health	2,866.64	
Misc.	247.36	
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Cafeteria

Salaries	14,317.81	
Food	21,632.36	
Laundry	318.74	
Pest Control	48.00	
Misc.	269.60	
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Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District 269,070.50

Bristol-Plymouth Reg. Voc. Tech. School District 2,520.00

Public Library

Salary	2,870.00	
Custodian	220.00	
Books	1,752.63	
Electric, Water, Fuel	336.68	
Telephone	100.35	
Librarian's Asst.	100.00	
Repairs	184.90	
Supplies	63.94	
Misc.	97.30	
Painting	320.00	
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		6,045.80

Playgrounds & Recreation

Supervisors	464.80	
Care of Grounds	810.47	
Equip. & Repairs	388.11	
Misc.	239.90	
Supplies	192.15	
Prizes	43.22	
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		2,138.65

Memorial Day Observance 200.00

Christmas Fund 500.00

Tax Title Foreclosure Acct. 17.26

Tax Title Acct. 1,029.80

Stabilization Fund 14,000.00

Charles Chase Trust Fund 30.00

Civic Center Maint.

Electric & Water	66.37	
Fuel	214.44	
Repairs	64.08	
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		344.89

Vets. Bldg. Maint.	600.00
Copying Machine	982.65
Estimated Receipts	103.62
Gasoline Acct.	4,657.56
Town Dump Truck	7,121.00
CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INS.	
Appropriated	
Boston Mutual Life Ins.	575.76
OME Standard	524.16
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	5,082.08
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	6,182.00
Employee Deductions	
Boston Mutual Life Ins.	569.58
OME Standard	436.80
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	5,025.37
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	6,031.75
Receipts for Group Ins.	
Boston Mutual Life Ins.	19.92
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	305.28
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	325.20
Town Insurance	10,925.07
Cemeteries Public Property	118.42
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	643.00
Care of Town Elms	1,918.60
Land Taking—Williams & Chestnut St.	1,413.00
Bristol County Hosp. District	5,037.20
Bristol County Retire. Assoc.	10,122.92
County Tax	35,349.51

Recreation Areas	3,648.94
State Audit	3,503.73
Mosquito Control	2,247.29
Motor Excise Bills	476.10

AGENCY ACCOUNTS

County Retirement	6,746.61	
Federal Tax	60,773.19	
State Tax	9,457.85	
Teachers Retire.	12,671.62	
Wash. Nat. Ins.	1,041.50	
Tax Sheltered Annuity	1,230.00	
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Refunds

1967 Motor Vehicle	583.04	
1968 Motor Vehicle	2,591.87	
1967 Real Estate	217.50	
1968 Real Estate	936.00	
1967 Personal Property	1,914.00	
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PRINCIPAL & INTEREST PAYMENTS ON SCHOOL BONDS

Elementary School Bonds	20,000.00
Interest on Elem. School Bonds	1,760.00
Tax Anticipation Loan	150,000.00
Interest on Revenue Loan	2,214.72
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Total Expenditures	1,445,863.92
Transfers Within Accounts	4,658.46
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Total Cash Expenditures	1,441,205.46
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1968	210,547.69
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	\$1,651,753.15

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1968

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Charles E. McKenna, Chairman 2136 Pleasant Street, Dighton	1969
Mrs. Louise Staples 543 Center Street, North Dighton	1969
Spencer D. Oehrle 325 Center Street, Segreganset	1970
Richard F. Simmons 214 Lincoln Avenue, North Dighton	1970
Kenneth W. Cummings 1346 Williams Street, North Dighton	1971
Wilfred A. Rhines 316 Main Street, Dighton	1971
Wallace E. Wood 1392 Pine Street, North Dighton	1971

SUPERINTENDENT

Robert T. Roy, B.S., Ed.M.

Residence: 313 Forest Street, North Dighton

Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Dighton

Telephone: (Office) 252-4500

(Home) 822-7323

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. and by
appointment.

BUSINESS ASSISTANT

James P. Horton

SECRETARIES

Gladys P. Babbitt

Nancy J. Goulart

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Charles M. Souza, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Carolyn M. Booth, R.N.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary and Junior High Schools

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Taunton and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River, also WPRO, Providence, and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved By School Committee

1968- 1969

DIGHTON

Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

School opens September 4, 1968

Closes December 20, 1968 74 days

School opens January 2, 1969

Closes February 21, 1969 36 days

School opens March 3, 1969

Closes April 18, 1969 34 days

School opens April 28, 1969

Closes June, 1969 36 days

Total 180 days

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

November 6, 1968—Teachers' Convention

November 11, 1968—Veteran's Day

November 28 and 29, 1968—Thanksgiving Recess

February 17, 1969—Holiday celebrating Washington's Birth-
April 4, 1969—Good Friday day

May 26, 1969—Holiday celebrating Memorial Day

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$376,541.00
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Expenditures

General Control	\$ 22,159.98
Transportation	28,516.93
Teachers' Salaries	259,720.77
Books	5,297.43
Supplies	5,089.03
Janitors' Salaries	20,229.00
Fuel	5,761.48
Electricity	4,323.62
Gas	430.73
Music	349.74
Janitors' Supplies	2,304.50
Miscellaneous	225.88
Repairs	8,636.10
Health	3,240.98
New Equipment	8,860.42
Household Arts	236.92
Industrial Arts	536.81
Tuition—Day and Evening	706.10
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	\$376,526.42
Returned to Town	14.58
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	\$376,541.00

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1968	\$376,526.42
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Receipts: 1968

General State Aid, Chapter 70	\$ 74,422.67
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Transportation	15,143.96
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Special Education, Chapter 69 & 71	6,477.00
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State Wards:

Tuition and Transportation	2,574.73
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Vocational Education	75.03
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Miscellaneous Receipts	16.24
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	\$ 98,709.63
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Returned to Town	14.58
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Net Cost to Town	\$277,802.21
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my fourteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the Principals, the Music Supervisors, and the School Nurse.

Personnel

We experienced very little change in personnel at the elementary school. Mr. Robrt Coulsey, special class teacher, left to teach in Rhode Island. He was replaced by Miss Valerie Ross, a graduate of Bridgewater State College. Mrs. Dolores Johnson is devoting full time to teaching art and remedial teaching. Mrs. Mary DeMello was transferred to grade four. Mrs. Jane Feroli, a teacher with six years of experience in this area, was hired to teach second grade.

The junior high school faculty saw quite a change. Miss Bernnice Mader left to study in Arizona. Mr. John Farmer is teaching in Mansfield. Mr. Raymond Medeiros is in the armed service and Mr. Robert Durfee has left teaching. Miss Lois Dooley, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts replaced Mr. Medeiros teaching English. Mr. Paul Doherty, who formerly taught in Abington and Woburn, is the new mathematics teacher. Mrs. Alice Friedberg, a Boston University graduate, replaced Mr. Farmer. Mrs. Estelle Dow teaches social studies in grades six and seven. She formerly taught in Taunton and is a graduate of Pembroke College. Mrs. Elizabeth Davis was hired as an additional sixth grade teacher this year. She is a graduate of Rhode Island College and taught in Providence.

In the special subect areas, Mrs. Jacqueline Booth, a former Dighton Elementary teacher, is the new art teacher replacing Mrs. Susan Sobel. Mr. Peter Abramo replaced Mr. Peter DiCarlo as music teacher.

I feel that although we have experienced many changes, we have strengthened our faculty in many areas and this should benefit our students directly.

School Plant

In the 1967 report we stated that the School Needs Committee had reported to a town meeting the need for more buildings and that a building committee should be appointed.

About January, 1968, we received an indication from the School Building Assistance Bureau that some thought should be given to regionalizing grades five through twelve or kindergarten through twelve. After many meetings and a great deal of time we were told that a definite regional study to amend the present agreement must be done before any further building could be considered. This study was done and presented to the towns in the form of an amended agreement to include the town of Berkley in a kindergarten through grade twelve regional district. This plan, when presented to town meetings for a vote, was defeated in Dighton and Rehoboth but passed in Berkley. One year later we are saying again that we need a committee to work out a plan for additional school space.

The renovations suggested for the junior high school in last year's report were carried out. The large study hall was divided into two classrooms and the library moved to a smaller room. This gave us two classrooms in place of one.

The usual repairs and painting were carried out during the summer.

During this next summer the exterior of each school will be painted. Interior repairs will be continued at both schools and an effort will be made to renovate some classrooms at the junior high school.

Enrollment

The enrollment increase this year is twenty-two pupils over 1967. This is just about one yearly average increase in grades one thru eight since 1959. At the present time there are more pupils enrolled in the junior high school than there were high school pupils in 1959. The enrollment in the elementary grades one thru five averages over one hundred per grade.

This slow increase in enrollment is slowly overcrowding

our classrooms and with kindergarten required by 1973, everything points to a need for more space.

Budget

Greatest increase in the budget again this year is in instruction where the increase is \$61,000.00. Increases in teacher's salaries and the addition of two new full time teachers is responsible for the greatest part of raise in the budget. Other school services shows an increase of \$5,500.00 which is due to the anticipated increase in transportation cost when a new contract is sought this year.

The continued repair and renovation at the junior high school and the exterior painting of both schools is responsible for a \$1,000.00 increase in operation and maintenance of plant.

Our entitlement under Chapter 70, state aid, for the coming year is \$102,000.00. If we can realize 75% of this, it would increase our aid by \$15,000.00 over this past year.

It would seem that we must receive increased state aid if we are to have minimum salaries for teachers set by the state legislature.

Program

I call your attention to the report of Dr. Rose Borges, Elementary Principal, for a report on curriculum changes. The continuous progress or non-graded plan seems to benefit the individual student and that of course is the prime purpose of education.

The kindergarten program last summer was very beneficial in helping to identify incoming first graders and placing them where they could be helped the most.

Mr. Leo Wontkowski, Junior High Principal, is working hard to carry out a program that will be of greatest value to each individual. This cannot be accomplished to any great degree in his limited school space.

I wish to thank both principals and their staffs for the untiring efforts to improve our school program.

Conclusion

I wish to commend Mr. Antone Costa, Mr. George Perry, Mr. John White and Mr. Manuel Mello for their efforts in keeping our schools in good physical shape after a poor year financially in 1967. Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt and her staff have worked hard to put the cafeteria on a sound basis once again while they continued to serve good meals. They all deserve praise for this effort.

In addition to her duties as school nurse, Mrs. Carolyn Booth has been performing the duties of truant officer. With our young people faced with so many problems today, we feel that Mrs. Booth is a person who understands these problems and can be of great help to them.

Finally I wish to thank all parents and organizations who have helped our schools during the past year. We hope that we can count on your continued support. Our schools educate today those who will govern our democracy tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my second report as Principal of Dighton Junior High School.

Enrollment:

Our present enrollment is 290 students. This is an increase of 20 students over the enrollment figure stated in the last report.

Curriculum and School Program:

This year the number of physical education periods has been increased for all students. Grade 7 and 8 students now have three periods a week and grade 6 students have two periods a week. A public speaking class has been initiated in grade 7 while the foreign language class was discontinued in grade 8.

Students in grade 7 and grade 8 have been scheduled into achievement groups in both English and Mathematics. It is hoped that a similar program can be effected next year in grade 6.

The extended noon recess has been modified to include a study session during the noon hours, which permits students to obtain extra-help during the school day.

Personnel:

Our staff now consists of 10 full time teachers and 6 part-time teachers. One full time teacher was added to the staff to accommodate the large sixth grade which entered the school this year. There are five new full time faculty members: Mr. Paul Doherty, Miss Lois A. Dooley, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Davis, Mrs. Estelle P. Dow, Mrs. Alice E. Friedberg. New part-time teachers include Mrs. Jacqueline A. Booth, Art;

Mr. Peter L. Abramo, Inst. Music and Mr. Joel W. Gressel, Voc. Music.

Mr. John White was appointed head custodian. He is assisted in his duties by Mr. Manuel Mello who became a member of the school staff this fall.

In addition to the teaching staff we now have 2 part-time aides, Mrs. Della Hathaway and Mrs. Marilyn Healey whose presence on the staff has been most valuable. The aides proctor most study halls, assist in the cafeteria and, at time, assist students with their assignments.

Extra Curricular Activity:

This year's program includes appropriate seasonal activities for boys and girls one day a week for each of the latter. The winter program will provide an extra activity so as to expand the program to four days during this season.

Conclusion:

I would like to thank Mr. Roy for his assistance and support in promoting the physical and curricular changes that were accomplished this year.

To the whole staff of this school may I express my thanks for making this a very successful school year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO T. WONTKOWSKI,
Principal

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I herewith respectfully submit my ninth annual report as Supervising Principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

Enrollment:

When I took over the duties of my office in 1960 the enrollment was 377 students—today we have an enrollment of 515 students. The need of additional classroom space is urgent. The state department of education is recommending classes of 25 or less as well as public kindergarten classes for all students. To keep our education program second to none we will need the following:

- 5 Classrooms—One for each grade
- 3 Classrooms—for kindergarten
- 1 Classroom—for Art Classes
- 1 Classroom—for science Grades 4 and 5
- 1 Classroom—for a larger library
- 1 Classroom—for instrumental music which could also
— be used for speech therapy and group instruction.
- 12 Classrooms

The removal of Grade 5 from this school plant will not solve the need for additional classroom space at the elementary school.

Curriculum:

For the first time a five week summer school kindergarten was held with 57 pupils in attendance. Mrs. Helen Lane, Miss Judith Higgins and Mrs. Rebecca Webster were the teachers who participated in the program. In each of the classrooms two high school girls served as aides.

During the session the pupils were given the Gesell School Readiness Test and also a vision test administered by Dr.

Solomon Slobins, an optometrist, who specializes in development and preventive vision care. These tests were given to detect visual - motor - perceptual skills which when inadequate, lead to learning difficulties in the normal school environment.

The above information was used in the placement of pupils in Grade I. All first grade teachers have included in their daily curriculum a period of visual - motor perceptual instruction. To extend this program Mrs. Johnson, Miss Ross and Miss Harrington are working with pupils who need help in this area.

Changes are taking place in the subject fields of our curriculum. The three fifth grade teachers have organized a program whereby the science in each fifth grade is taught by Mrs. Horrocks, geography by Mrs. Turner and history by Mr. Larivee.

In Grades 1, II and III we are using a modified non-graded plan in instructional reading using 12 levels. Students move at their own rate from one level to the next whenever they have successfully achieved the educational objectives for that level.

This year Mrs. Johnson, who has a special artistic talent, has been instructed to teach the art classes in all the grades from Grade I thru Grade V including the Special Class.

We are continuing the rotating program in reading and math in Grades IV and V. Students are grouped into 4 homogeneous classes for the above subjects.

All students receive instruction in physical education once each week under the direction of Miss Harrington and Mr. Masciarelli.

Last but not least, teacher aides are being used to free teachers from some of the non-teaching duties allowing teachers more time to teach.

Cafeteria:

Our cafeteria personnel under the supervision of Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt, cafeteria manager, continue to serve the Dighton Elementary School and the Dighton Junior High

School, a type "A" menu which meets with the approval of the National School Lunch Office.

Maintenance:

We are indeed fortunate to have on our custodial staff men who take great pride in keeping the school building and school grounds in excellent condition. Mr. Antone Costa, head custodian and Mr. George Perry work together as a fine team in the performance of their duties. We sincerely appreciate their efforts.

Extra Curricula Activities:

- 1 American Education Week—Open House and Tea
- 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences—Evening Program
- 3 School Band—Grades IV and V
- 4 National School Lunch Week
- 5 Visited Plymouth Wax Museum—Grades IV and V
- 6 Room Mothers—Social Activities
- 7 Library Project—under E.S.E.A. Title II
- 8 Choir—Grade V
- 9 Visited Plymouth Plantations—Special Class
- 10 Annual Spring Festival—"America the Beautiful"
- 11 Annual Christmas Festival—"Sing A Song of Christmas"
- 12 Teacher-Parent Conferences—Day Session—
2 half days in January

In conclusion, I wish to state publicly my sincere thanks to Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools, the Dighton School Committee, all teachers on my staff, my secretary and nurse, teacher aides, cafeteria workers, custodians, students, parents and friends who have worked with me to develop a better education program for the students of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. ROSE BORGES,
Supervising Principal

ELEMENTARY VOCAL MUSIC REPORT

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy,

I herewith submit my annual report as Elementary Vocal Music Supervisor.

Weekly visits to all elementary classrooms were made in order to continue the development of a varied program of musical activities. With the assistance and cooperation of the classroom teachers definite progress was made in the past year. The continued purchase of textbooks, recordings, and rhythm instruments enhanced the enrichment of the vocal music program.

The elementary school choir of approximately 75 fifth graders met weekly for thirty minute rehearsals. They participated in the elementary school's annual spring program in May and recently sang in the annual Christmas program. Both programs were held in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. In June the choir presented a program for the students of the Halifax Elementary School which was followed by a picnic lunch at Plymouth Monument and a visit to Plymouth's National Wax Museum.

I enthusiastically look forward to another year of growth in the vocal music area of the Dighton Elementary School's curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA L. WALLACE,

Elementary Vocal Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools
P.O. No. Dighton, Mass. 02769

Dear Mr. Roy:

In retrospect, the year 1968 has been one of change. The loss of Mr. Peter DiCarlo, and the addition of Mr. Joel Gressell, and Mr. Peter Abramo to our department, has given each Principal a more realistic time bloc within which to schedule music classes and lessons. The increase in personnel has also alleviated my schedule, and allowed me to devote more time to my departmental duties.

The increase in teaching and scheduling is offset however by the normally slow student acceptance of changes in faculty.

We have continued this year, as in past years our program of purchasing new instruments and equipment, while at the same time maintaining our older equipment, so that we may receive maximum return for our monies spent.

Our student enrollment in grades 4 - 8 is up as expected, however our past figure of 20% involvement for one year or longer is no longer valid, we are up 2% over last year, based on total enrollment. An increase of 10% was noted this year by Mr. Abramo for beginning instrumental students.

We are presently endeavoring to continue our vocal course of study. At present it terminates in grade five, it will this year be continued through grade eight, a real need at the Junior High School.

I am looking forward this coming year to purchasing the much needed music texts, and vocal materials for both schools, under our new budget.

Our need for physical space at both schools for lessons, classes, and reharsals is acute. It becomes increasingly difficult each year to operate efficiently in our present situation.

When we correct the above problem of teaching space in our schools, we may more efficiently utilize our department personnel, while at the same time expanding our program offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. WATSON,
Director of Music

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

I hereby submit my annual report as School Nurse for the Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools for the 1967-1968 school year.

Visual Tests:

782 children in both schools were tested by Titmus Optical Tester. 61 children failed this test and were referred to eye specialists. 56 referrals were completed.

Audio Tests:

782 students were tested by Maico Audiometer. 15 students failed and all 15 were treated by ear specialists.

Physical Examinations:

Grade I, IV and Special Education.

193 students in the above classes were examined by Dr. Charles Souza, school physician. 73 of these students were referred to their family doctor for further evaluation. 27 referrals were completed.

Grade VII and Athletic Physicals.

101 students in Junior High were examined. 28 were referred for further evaluation. 6 of these referrals were completed.

Sick Calls:

Elementary School.

931 children visited the Health Room. 75 were sent home to a parent. 3 were transported to the Emergency Room at Morton Hospital; and 3 were treated in the office of their family doctor. The rest were cared for in the health room and returned to class.

Junior High School.

77 students visited me in the school office. 4 were transported to Morton Hospital and 11 were transported home.

Immunization:**Tuberculin Testing Program.**

For the first time, all of the students in both schools were tested for Tuberculosis. This program was carried out by Mr. Vokey of the Bristol County Health Association, the Dighton Board of Health and the school nurse and doctor.

12/15/67 - 667 children were given the Heaf Tuberculin Test.
35 children had positive reactions.

2/5/68 Mantou tests were given to all children who had a positive Heaf. 4 had positive reactions.

2/12/68 4 children were transported to Bristol County Hospital for chest X-rays. All four had negative chest X-rays and were placed on chemotherapy for one year as a preventive measure.

Measles Clinic:

2/2/68 61 children received Measles Vaccine at Dighton Elementary School.

Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (D.P.T.T) Clinics:

Three clinics were held in March, April and May of 1968.

3/29/68 D. T. Toxoid injections were given to 75 students in Grades I & VI.

4/18/68 D. T. Booster injections were given to 49 students at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

4 Elementary school children received second injections of D. T. Toxoid.

5/5/68 Clinic was for all pre-school children.

Again I extend a sincere thank you to you Mr. Roy, Dr. Souza the personnel of both schools, and the parents of the school children, for the cooperation and assistance I receive in carrying out a complete health program.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.

GRADUATION EXERCISES
DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

June 13, 1968

PROGRAM

OVERTURE—"Variation Overture" Clifton Williams

PROCESSIONAL—"Grand Processional" Don Haddad

OPENING PRAYER Thomas Geggatt

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

GREETINGS Class President Deborah Compos

SELECTION—"Hail to Our School" Morgan

ESSAYS—

"My Most Important Years" Marjorie Simmons

"The Importance and Purpose of Education" John O'Connell

"Responsibility" Kyle Grace

"Success Is Our Goal" Fred Dimsey

"Graduation Is Maturity" Carol Conaty

SELECTION—CLASS SONG—Original Composition

"D. J. High" Lyrics by Margaret Rose, et al

ESSAYS—

"Living In A Troubled World" Maria Parchesco

"Our Responsibilities" Gary Hartley

"Road to Success" Peter Torres

"Tomorrow" Ann LaFrance

INTRODUCTION of School Committee Members by
 Mr. Robert T. Roy
 Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
 Mr. Charles McKenna
 Chairman, Dighton School Committee

SELECTION—"Let There Be Peace On Earth" Traditional

CLOSING PRAYER Karen Eliason

RECESSIONAL—"Bandology" Osterling

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Deborah Compos
Vice-President	Karen Eliason
Secretary	Claire Lavigne
Treasurer	Thomas Geggatt
Piano Accompanyist	Donna French

Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. Leo T. Wontkowski, Principal, Junior High School
 Mr. David L. Watson, Instrumental Music Supervisor
 Mr. Peter J. DiCarlo, Vocal Music Supervisor
 Mrs. Eunisa G. Wordell, Graduation Chairman
 Mr. Raymond G. Medeiros, Graduation Committee
 Mr. John Farmer, Graduation Committee

GRADUATES

Daniel Bearce	Linda Ellen Greenberg
Brenda Jane Beaudreau	Edward Kelley Greenlaw
Anne Booth	Marsha Elizabeth Hamilton
Theodore Peter Boucher	Stephen Edward Hamilton
Deborah Louise Brewer	Gary John Hartley
Michael S. Butler	*Anne Rhoda Hathaway
Rosemary Clifford	Patricia E. Hayden
Jon B. Coelho	Peter Allen Heywood
*Deborah Lynne Compos	Daniel James Huntington
Carol Marie Conaty	Julia Elizabeth James
Peter Jay Constantine	Georgette Irene Jusseaume
Jo-Ann Cordeira	John J. A. Jusseaume
*Cheryl Lynn Costa	Carole A. Kozak
Joanne Lee Costa	**Ann LaFrance
Timothy Todd Costa	Claire Marie Lavigne
Frederick E. Dimsey	Robert John Lima
Robert Edward Doherty	Philip A. Macomber
Wilfred Jaynes Dumin	Bruce Alan Malaguti
Margaret Elizabeth Dupont	Karen C. McCrady
Lawrence John Dutra	Joanne Catheryn McGuirk
*Karen Gail Eliason	Kathryn Joan McKenna
Donna Lynne Evangelho	Michael T. McNab
Marc Edward Fallin	Michael Patrick McNulty
Bruce Paul Farley	Steven Alan Medeiros
Ronald Vincent Fernandes	Ernest F. Mosher, III
Anita M. Ferreira	John Patrick O'Connell
Kenneth James Fisher	James Thomas Pacheco
Donna Margaret French	Debra Lynn Pappas
Gilbert Hathaway Garnett	*Maria Christine Parchesco
Thomas William Geggatt	Michael Pelletier
Debra Ann Goulart	Candyce Perrin
Kyle Marie Grace	Steven J. Perry

Robert Michael Peterson
Barry A. Pierce
Kevin P. Rhine s
James Albert Ribeiro, Jr.
Karen Ann Roberts
A. David Roderigues
Charleen L. Rodrigues
Gary T. Rose
Margaret E. Rose
David M. Santos
*Gary J. Silvia
Kathleen Karen Simmons
Marjorie Joan Simmons

*Patricia Ann Soares
Karen Marie Souza
Karen M. Sylvia
David Barry Thiboutot
Peter Kevin Torres
Steven A. Torres
Michael Joseph Vincent
Robert Francis Vincent
Gregg Joseph Waller
Janice Wilbur
Debra Ann Wolfenden
Clifford A. Wynne

**High Honors

*Honors

ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1968

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	Spec. Class	Total
Dr. Rose Borges, Principal							
Teachers:							
Dorothy B. Bagley	32						32
Jessie Bradley	33						33
Judith S. Higgins	28						28
Jane Feroli		31					31
Helen Lane		32					32
Carolyn Melesky		33					33
Nancy L. Durfee			29				29
Mary G. Fleming			28				28
Helen M. Simmons			28				28
Rebecca B. Webster			28				28
Helena Chamberlain				34			34
Mary M. DeMello				34			34
Joan LaFrance				34			34
Stella M. Horrocks					32		32
Michael Larivee					32		32
Helen C. Turner					33		33
Valerie L. Ross						10	10
Total Elementary School	93	96	113	102	97	10	511

DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	6	7	8	Total
Leo T. Wontkowski, Principal				
Teachers:				
Elizabeth W. Davis	34			34
Estelle P. Dow	35			35
Frederick T. Friedberg	35			35
Paul F. Doherty		31		31
Alice E. Friedberg		30		30
John S. Needs		31		31
Lois A. Dooley			30	30
Jacqueline R. Cunniff			31	31
Eunisa G. Wordell			31	31
Total Junior High School	104	92	92	288

DIGHTON SCHOOLS FACULTY—DECEMBER 31, 1968

Dighton Elementary School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Dr. Rose E. Borges	2520 Pleasant St., Dighton	Calvin Coolidge College	1927
Faculty			
Dorothy B. Bagley	8 Allen Lane, Somerset	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Jessie H. Bradley, M.Ed.	Berkley St., Berkley	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1954
Helena Chamberlain	1075 Middle St., No. Dighton	Framingham Normal	1961
Lena W. Cowell, M.Ed.	198 Bourn Ave., Somerset	Calvin Coolidge College	1921
Mary M. DeMello, B.S.E.	1928 County St., Dighton	Lowell State Teachers' College	1964
Nancy L. Durfee, B.S.	224 So. Walker St., Taunton	Murray State College	1962
Jane K. Feroli, M.Ed.	9 Oak Dr., Taunton	Boston University	1968
Mary G. Fleming	1503 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1960
Judith S. Higgins, B.S. Ed.	41 Doris Ave., Tiverton, R.I.	Rhode Island College	1967
Stella M. Horrocks, B.S.E.	1159 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater State College	1964
Dolores C. Johnson, A.B.	Mill St., Assonet	Salve Regina College	1965
Joan LaFrance, B.S.Ed.	488 Spring St., No. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1963
Helen M. Lane, B.S.Ed.	1286 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	New Britain Teachers College	1968
Michael Larivee, B.A.	17 Bass River Rd., Beverly	Calvin Coolidge College	1964
Carolyn H. Melesky, B.S.Ed.	Box 180, East Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1966
Valerie L. Ross, B.S.	433 Old Warren Rd., Swansea	Bridgewater State College	1968
Helen M. Simmons, B.S.Ed.	50 Cedar St., Taunton	Framingham Normal School	1946
Helen C. Turner	538 School St., No. Dighton	Framingham Normal School	1946
Rebecca B. Webster, B.S.	1524 Wellington St., No. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1964

Dighton Junior High School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Leo T. Wontkowski, M.Ed.	992 West St., Attleboro	Bridgewater State College	1967
Faculty			
Jacqueline A. Booth, B.S.Ed.	183 East Main St., Norton	Bridgewater State College	1968
Jacqueline R. Cunniff, B.S.Ed.	40 South St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1965
Elizabeth W. Davis, M.A.	44 Algonquin Rd., Rumford, R.I.	Rhode Island College	1968
Paul F. Doherty, M.Ed.	756 South St., Bridgewater	Boston University	1968
Lois A. Dooley, B.A.	362 Tremont St., Taunton	University of Mass.	1968
Estelle P. Dow, A.B.	1084 Somerset Ave., No. Dighton	Pembroke College	1968
Alice E. Friedberg, B.S.	109 Walnut St., Stoughton	Boston University	1968
Frederick T. Friedberg, B.S.	109 Walnut St., Stoughton	New Bedford Inst. of Tech.	1964
John S. Needs, B.A.	7 South St., Taunton	University of Mass.	1967
Sturley B. Nitterauer, B.A.	116 Tee Jay Dr., Seekonk	Norwich University	1967
Eunisa G. Wordell, B.S.	1458 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1963
Elementary Supervisor			
Dorothy L. Beckwith, B.S.Ed.	Broad St., Rehoboth	Boston University	1962
Elementary Music Supervisor			
Vocal Barbara L. Wallace	Elm St., R.D. #1, Taunton	Boston University	1966
Instrumental David L. Watson, B.M.	P.O. Box 23, Segreganset	Boston University	1963

Part Time Instructors

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Peter L. Abramo	236 Isalene St., W. Hyannisport		1968
Catherine M. Donle	1374 Pine St., No. Dighton		
Kaaren E. Harrington, B.E.	224 So. Walker St., Taunton	Rhode Island College	1965
John Masciarelli, B.A.	372 Main St., Dighton	Boston University	1965
Wallace R. Potts	32 Herod St., Cranston, R.I.	Rhode Island College	1966
Elementary Secretary			
Hannah E. Lassen	2168 Pleasant St., Dighton		
Junior High Secretary			
Doris A. Lannon	237 Forest St., No. Dighton		
Cafeteria Personnel			
Alfrena Bettencourt, Manager	636 School St., No. Dighton		
Grace E. French	815 Center St., No. Dighton		
Louise G. Gomes	954 Hart St., Dighton		
Fannie C. Lima	461 Brook St., Dighton		
Thelma Pierce	251 Main St., Dighton		
Custodians			
Antone Costa	Elm St., Dighton		
Manuel A. Mello	Pine St., Dighton		
George Perry	469 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton		
John White	670 Main St., Dighton		

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This is the ninth annual report of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

Enrollment

Our enrollment has increased again by 58 students over last year. This increase can be attributed to 248 freshman enrolling in September while we graduated 162 seniors in June. While we have been concerned with new schools to take care of the pupils in Dighton and Rehoboth, the enrollment at the Regional High School has been steadily increasing. The school was built to take care of an enrollment of 800 pupils with the possible enrollment of 1,000 pupils. At 847 pupils we are experiencing difficulty in finding space for some classes at certain periods during the day. There are three possibilities of relieving this situation in the next few years. When the new Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical Vocational High School is opened, we should experience a decrease of 75 to 100 pupils. However, with enrollment increases in the next two years, the enrollment by 1971 will still be an estimated 850 pupils. A second possibility is the eliminating of Berkley pupils. We have 115 pupils from Berkley now and their leaving would reduce the enrollment. While their presence does necessitate some additional faculty, their tuition of \$825.00 per pupil is a great deal more than the extra cost. The third possibility is an addition to the "C" or academic wing. This would allow for the conversion of some classroom space into additional space for the library and for science laboratories. Other areas that should be expanded would be cafeteria and gymnasium facilities.

The Regional Committee is studying the enrollment trends and will probably report on some plan within the next year.

Finances

The gross budget for 1969 is \$865,651.00. This is an increase of \$151,000.00 over 1968. The net increase is \$115,-

322.94. Anticipated receipts are \$70,000.00 state aid for transportation and \$94,875.00 in tuition.

The instruction item represents the largest increase in the budget—\$106,769.00. This increase is due to increase in teacher's salaries and the addition of four new teachers in September of 1968. The increased cost of text books and special supplies amounts to \$8,000.00 because of increased enrollment and cost of materials. Other school services showed an increase of \$23,000.00. Anticipated increases in transportation with a new contract in in September accounts for most of this increase.

The total budget increase is about 21%. While this is greater than usual, it compares with most towns in the area. Increased salaries by increased minimum affects most towns to the same degree.

Faculty

In September fourteen new members joined our faculty. Ten of these people were replacements and four were hired to fill new positions created by increased enrollments. Of the ten people who left us in June, four left for further study, one to be at home, and five for other positions. Of the latter five, two of these people took positions elsewhere because of the location of their husband's work.

Our new faculty members represent perhaps the best cross section of colleges attended and geographic locations we have ever had. Mrs. Barbara Burrows, commercial teacher, taught in New York and was educated in New York. Miss Claudia Backlund, English teacher, is a graduate of Stonehill College. Other English teachers are Mrs. Carol Lindblom, a Bates College graduate and Miss Carole Wyke from Pembroke College. Mr. Leon Long, a part time foreign language teacher, has studied in France and Spain. Miss Britt Carlson, University of Massachusetts and Brown University and Miss Suzanne Desmarais, State College Bridgewater, are new mathematics teachers. Mr. Amos Taylor who taught many years at New Bedford High School brings a wealth of experience to the mathematics department. Two beginning teachers in the

science department are Mr. Raymond Del Colle from Stonehill College and Mr. Vincent Ferri from Northeastern University. Mr. Joseph Gwiazdowski, in chemistry, has taught several years in Michigan and is a native of Michigan. Mr. Frank Kocknowicz, who taught in Bourne, spent a year of graduate work in science at the University of Florida.

As most people know, Mr. Charles Day, Vocational School Director for many years, was elected director of the new Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School. Mr. Day had given much in the way of service to the people of Dighton and Rehoboth and we wish him success in his new school. We will be working with our boys again when his new school is completed.

Due to the fact that our vocational school will be phased out by the new school, a new director for the vocational school was not hired. The Superintendent of Schools was made acting director and Mr. Nathan Lawrence, a teacher in the school, was made assistant acting director.

Mr. Ernest Czerwinski, a graduate of S. M. T. I., was appointed to teach mathematics and science in the vocational high school. After two years experimenting with part time administrative assistants, it was decided to hire once again an assistant principal. Mr. Marshall Sawyer was selected from some twenty applicants. He is a graduate of Brown University and had taught in Wareham, Massachusetts. At the time of his appointment he was head of the social studies department in the schools of that town. We are please to have Mr. Sawyer and he has added greatly to the system in the four months he has been here. He has many new and useful ideas. We welcome him to Dighton-Rehoboth.

Program

We are fortunate indeed to have teachers and especially department heads who work hard to keep abreast of the changes in curriculum. Mr. Clifford Wood, head of the English department, and Mr. John Stewart, head of the mathematics department, each spent a great deal of time last summer with several of their teachers upgrading their curriculum. Mr. Wood

and Mr. William Grover, head of social studies, both worked with advanced groups at Bridgewater last summer. This gave them an opportunity to compare our students with others in the area.

Mrs. Carol Tripp, head of the science department, continues to work with a group of scientists working on courses in physical science and ways to improve the teaching of these courses. Mr. James Rennick taught at the University of Rhode Island last summer and continues as department head to bring new ideas in teaching business education. Mr. James Frates and members of his department took advantage of summer seminars in teaching foreign language. All members of the industrial arts department took courses in their field during the last year.

Mr. David Watson, who has had such a successful instrumental music program, is also teaching vocal music this year and we hope in the near future to see our vocal program the equal of the instrumental.

We hope that in the next two years we can revise our vocational program to meet the needs of the boys who will attend the new school.

Our evening adult education program under the direction of Mr. Frederick Rounds will begin in January. We run these courses for the benefit of adults in Dighton and Rehoboth and welcome any ideas you may have concerning courses.

Maintenance

The building is in its ninth year and we are beginning to experience maintenance problems of age. Replacement of machine parts and plumbing is quite often necessary. Fortunately our custodians can do most of the work. Painting and maintenance of the grounds is an important part of the summer program.

At this point it would seem that the agitator, the most important part of the sewer plant will have to be replaced. It is hoped that we will be able to replace this machinery with parts that can be worked on above the water level.

Again we owe a great deal of gratitude to Mr. Howell Carr and his crew for their untiring efforts to keep our plant in good condition.

Conclusion

In concluding I must again stress the importance of a good leader as principal. In Mr. Joseph Harrington we have such a person. All of us should be grateful to him for the manner in which he has conducted our school. Exposed to the many vices that boys and girls are subjected to today, our pupils have been advised, cautioned and controlled by Mr. Harrington in discriminating against these bad habits. He truly has his students foremost in his mind.

We wish to thank Mr. Francis Vitale and his staff for the work they have done in guiding our young people.

At this time we should also take time to thank those who look out for our health. Mrs. Albertine Dwyer, school nurse, spends a great deal of time working on our health problems and Mrs. Ella Jones and her cafeteria staff continue to serve the best meals from the greatest menu in the county.

To parents and citizens I say visit your high school and see first hand our program in action. I am sure you will find it quite different from the high school you attended. You will also find interesting courses for all students.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,

Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenditures 1968

CAPITAL COSTS

Bond Retirement	\$110,000.00	
State Aid	\$68,335.83	
Appropriation	41,664.17	
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		110,000.00
Interest on Bond Expenditures	53,505.00	

OPERATING COSTS

Item No.		
1000 General Control	15,441.44	
2000 Instruction Expense	497,129.41	
3000 Operating Expense	68,594.32	
4000 Plant Maintenance	71,304.12	
5000 Fixed Charges	27,041.97	
7000 Acquisition	14,019.32	
Vocational Day Classes	45,208.00	
Vocational Evening Classes	432.56	
Special Class	11,424.35	
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		\$750,595.49

Receipts

State Reimbursement Transportation	57,219.00	
Tuition	72,687.33	
Other	792.56	
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		\$130,698.89
Net Operating Cost		\$619,896.60

FEDERAL AID

National Defense Education Act

Title III	Balance	\$ 4,410.22
Title V	Balance	385.50

U.S. Grant—George Barden Funds, Vocational

Balance, January 1, 1968	\$ 498.34
Receipts	873.00
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	1,371.34
Expenditures	871.00
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Balance	\$ 500.34

U.S. Grant—88-210 Work Study Program

Balance, January 1, 1968	-0-
Receipts	\$ 2,500.00
Expenditures	2,215.00
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Balance, December 31, 1968	\$ 285.00

Vocational Education Federal Manpower

Project MA(R) 7095	
Balance, January 1, 1968	\$ 4,963.40
Expenditures	4,963.00
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Balance, December 31, 1968	\$.40

U.S. Grant—PL 88-210 (Project BOE-67-054)

Receipts	\$ 1,364.00
Expenditures	317.61
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Balance, December 31, 1968	\$ 1,046.39

BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Slightly more than a year has passed since this District was organized. During this time, the Interim School Committee has kept extremely active in an effort to make a Vocational-Technical School operative by the fall of 1971.

Early in the year an organizational meeting was held and Donald K. Atkins of Middleboro was elected Chairman with William R. Powers of Raynham as Vice-Chairman.

An operating budget for fiscal 1968 of \$35,000. was adopted. Under the agreement between the member towns, this sum was assessed to the municipalities on a basis of their current high school enrollments. Percentage shares of the members were ascertained to be as follows:

Berkley	2.46%
Bridgewater	15.34%
Dighton	7.20%
Middleboro	18.32%
Raynham	9.45%
Rehoboth	10.12%
Taunton	37.11%

Late in 1967 Governor Volpe signed into law Chapter 791 of the Acts of 1971 providing for 50% reimbursement of operating costs to Vocational Schools. Because the Commonwealth operates on a different fiscal year, our share was negligible this year but will be of significant help in the future.

The legal firm of Story, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge was appointed bond counsel for the District with the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company as fiscal agents. These firms will advise and help with the procurement of funds for planning costs and bond issues when they are required. They have studied the laws pertaining to the organization of the District and the District to be duly and legally organized. Mr. Joseph C. Whitcomb of Middleboro was named treasurer for the District and commenced his duties on April 1.

It was determined that approximately \$350,000. would be needed to acquire a site and prepare plans for a school building. As most of these planning costs are reimburseable, the committee voted to borrow this amount and get started on the various planning phases.

To verify and up date the recommendations of the previous planning committee, the firm of Educational Consultants Council, Inc. was hired to prepare educational specifications for the District. After their investigation within the member towns, the initial curriculum was finalized. It was voted to plan a building to educate a student body of 810 students with a core facility for 1,000 students. Specifications for a school of this size were submitted to the Department of Vocational Education and a School Building Assistance Bureau. Both of these agencies have rendered their approval of these specifications.

The firm of Drummey, Rosane and Annderson, Inc., architects, was hired to prepare plans for the school building. A general layout of the building has been approved and it is anticipated that preliminary plans will be finished early in 1969.

Several sites were considered for the school. Because of location, ease of access, water and proposed sewage supply and ground tests that were taken, the land owned by Mary Simas and Emanuel Cabral at the corner of Hart St. and Route 24 in Taunton was selected for the school. An option has been taken on this land pending the outcome of the vote to build the school. Topographic surveys of the site has been completed and we are about to start the necessary subterranean investigations.

The most significant task faced by the committee was the selection of a Superintendent-Director for the School District. After considerable solicitation, screening and interviewing of candidates, Mr. Charles F. Day of Dighton was elected to fill the post effective August 1, 1968.

Mr. Day has been active in the field of Vocational Education within the area for the past twenty-five years and is well known throughout the state for his ability in this profession. He was instrumental in the planning and development of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional Vocational High School of which he was director. We are certain that through his knowledge of the subject and administrative ability we can look forward to a progressive educational facility that will economically meet the needs of the District.

Office space has been rented at 91 Winthrop St. in Taunton from which the District will be operated until the school becomes a reality in 1971.

Respectively submitted,

HERBERT L. McCLENTIC, Berkley
PAUL R. MARTIN, Dighton
WILLIAM R. POWERS, Raynham
RONALD E. MARSDEN, Taunton
ROBERT S. STONE, Bridgewater
DONALD K. ATKINS, Middleboro
FREDERICK QUINT, Rehoboth
MARCUS A. RHODES, Taunton

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